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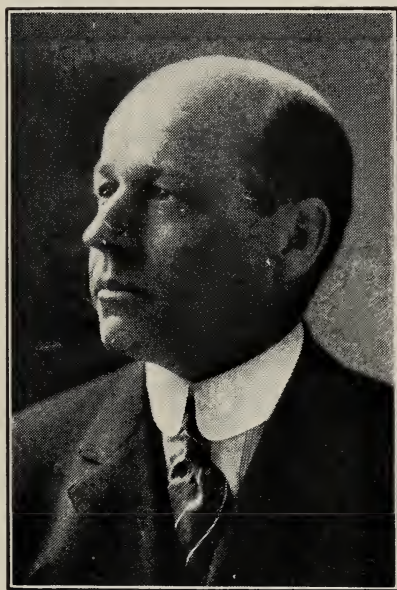
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Report of the Board of Aldermen

for the year ending December 31, 1933



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ALBERT M. TIBBETTS, MAYOR





# Inaugural Address of HON. ALBERT M. TIBBETTS

Mayor of Melrose, Massachusetts

January Fifth

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty Five

Mr. President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

I congratulate you that your fellow citizens have elected you to represent them in the City Government for the next two years. They have bestowed upon me a great opportunity for service. The service which you and I are to render carries with it a great responsibility and a great honor. If the motives governing our service are selfish or partisan, indifferent or desultory, we shall have had the responsibility without the honor. But if our service is founded on justice and fairness, and with no thought of personal aggrandisement, then our administration will close with credit and honor to us both.

Our Charter clearly defines the duties and prerogatives of the legislative and those of the executive. You have your work to perform and I have mine. It is my intention and purpose to interfere in no way with the functions of the legislative body, and I hope that you will have such confidence in me that you will allow the executive office to function without interference on your part.

If our administration is to be successful there must be between us at all times a spirit of helpfulness and cooperation. We must be fair with each other. We must work together in harmony and with mutual understanding. If frankness and truth guide our every act, when our two years of service together are ended, we shall have fulfilled our responsibility with honor, and shall have merited the approval of our fellow citizens who have put their faith in us.

My inaugural address to you tonight will be a plain, business talk. It will present to you problems and conditions which will confront us during our administration. There are several departments which I shall not refer to in my address; not because I do not realize the important place they have in our City Government, but because, from my personal investigation, and from interviews with heads of these departments, I do not find that there are any unusual problems in the administration of them at this time. There are departments which do present problems and conditions, some new, some old, and it is on these matters that I shall address you on this occasion.

## Financial Statement

I am not going to weary you with a detailed statement of statistics and figures about the financial condition of our city. It is sufficient to state for your information that our net borrowing capacity within the debt limit was \$178,318.97 on December 31, 1924; and that the net liabilities of the city on that date were \$439,906.83.

### Licensing Commission

With the reduction of the Board of Aldermen, each member of the new Board must naturally assume additional duties and responsibilities especially in the work of the committees. As a relief from some of the work now delegated to your Honorable Board, and which consumes a disproportionate share of the time given to your deliberations, I would suggest that you consider the advisability of creating a Licensing Commission, which shall have control over the issuing of all licenses, which are now granted by the authority of the Board of Aldermen. The creation of such a commission with duly authorized authority will relieve you of a large amount of detail which is of minor importance when compared with the larger problems to which you will want to give more time and deliberation.

### City Hall

Our City Hall presents two problems for your consideration: one without and one within.

The citizens have refused to sanction an appropriation for a new City Hall.

Our present building must serve its purpose for some years to come. We ought to keep the exterior in repair. It has been sadly neglected. The woodwork is rotting away. It needs painting. It is poor business to let this depreciation continue longer. We ought to have some pride in the external appearance of our City Hall. It is the building in which the business of the city is transacted. It ought to be the best looking building in the city, in its present condition it is almost the worst. We ought to make the necessary repairs on it this year and paint the woodwork, regardless of the cost. We are soon to have a new Post Office building next to our City Hall. It will ill become us as a city, not to put the exterior of this building in first-class condition that the attractiveness of our business center may be preserved.

The problem within City Hall is one of congestion. It is clogging the efficiency of the various departments. Your Honorable Board has no suitable place in the Hall to hold its meetings. The Auditorium where the Board has been meeting for the past two years is wholly unfitted for this purpose, and certainly is even less adapted for the use of your smaller board. The old Aldermanic Chamber is now occupied by two City Departments. In spite of the reorganization of the office accommodations of the various departments during the last administration, there is still a congestion which cannot be remedied by any material changes within the Hall as conditions now exist.

The situation in City Hall can be relieved. I offer the following plan for your consideration. I am convinced that the time has come when the entire Public Works Department should be centralized. We should this year erect at the City Yards on Tremont Street, a building which shall provide suitable offices for all the divisions in the Public Works Department. At the same time we should build a modern city stable

at the yard, which will do away with the old dilapidated city stable and the unsightly conditions surrounding it, which have always been a menace and eyesore to the citizens in the Wyoming District. Our city yards are located away from the residential district and attractive buildings of the right type will in no way be objectionable in that locality. Proper buildings should be erected to house all the trucks, cars and apparatus of the department which are now scattered in different parts of the city and for the housing of which we are paying a large rental. The work of this department cannot be conducted on a sound basis under present conditions. It cannot function with efficiency and economy so long as its various divisions are located in different parts of the city. The machinery and apparatus of the department cannot be protected and its depreciation kept at a minimum so long as it is housed in rented quarters with only desultory care and supervision. Under this plan the entire Public Works Department will be centralized,—offices, stable, and stores, all in one plant, efficient and economical.

With the removal of all divisions of the Public Works Department from City Hall the congestion will be at once relieved. The old Aldermanic Chamber can be restored to its former use, and with a smaller Board of Aldermen will be adequate for its needs. The offices vacated by the Public Works Department can be re-arranged for the accommodation of other departments, and there will be room to take care of the city's official business for some years to come.

### Highways

Our highways are in bad condition all over the city. It will take large appropriations to put them in good repair. We cannot expect to do it all in one year. I shall ask this year for a somewhat larger appropriation than usual for this purpose. Before any work is begun, I shall have a thorough survey made of our highways, that the money appropriated this year may be expended on those streets which, in my judgment, are in need of immediate attention.

West Emerson Street from Main Street to the railroad tracks, and Franklin Street from Franklin Square to the railroad crossing, should be constructed some time within the next two years. They are main thoroughfares with heavy traffic, and have been in bad condition for many years. We should begin a progressive policy of doing some permanent construction work on our streets at once. It is poor economy to waste our money year after year in attempting to repair highways that will never be right until they are built on a permanent foundation.

### Fire Department

The two platoon system, which was adopted by vote of the citizens at the election on November 4, 1924, will go into effect permanently on February 2, 1925.

Chief Newman has recommended that eight new permanent men be added to the Department. In a letter addressed to the public in the

local papers under date of October 23rd, he says, "There is only a small added expense to our tax rate offset by the efficiency the public is receiving in return." The addition of eight permanent men will mean an increase in expense in this department of about \$15,000 a year. I recommend that this year four (4) permanent men be added to the department. This will give us a department of 22 permanent men and 10 call men. There is likely to be a call from so many departments for additional appropriations this year, that I feel we can add no larger number of permanent men to this department at this time. Furthermore, Chief Newman, in the same letter mentioned above, says, "Under the two-platoon system, when on trial, the efficiency I have received has been 100% far greater than anticipated by me." With the increased efficiency in the department under this system with the same number of men, four permanent men added to the department should still further increase the efficiency.

There is another matter in connection with this department which I wish to bring to your attention. Other Mayors in their inaugurals have referred to the Fire Station at the Highlands. I am in accord with all they have said on this subject. The building is in poor condition. It will take quite a sum of money to make the necessary repairs. It is questionable whether the expenditure of such an amount would be justified. The location of the station was all right at the time it was built on its present site. It is not the place for it now.

Franklin Street carries heavy traffic. It is the main thoroughfare through the Highlands. There is always danger of an accident when the apparatus comes out of this station onto Franklin Street to respond to an alarm of fire. There is always a chance of its being held up at the railroad crossing. This section of the city deserves a new fire station on a new location away from traffic and from the approach to the railroad crossing. I have no definite recommendation to make on this matter at this time. I am only stating facts as they exist, and bringing to your attention a problem which we may have to consider together during our administration.

### Police Department

I recommend that two permanent patrolmen be added to this department. Three factors have determined my decision to make this recommendation. The fact that two men are off duty every day, the problem of increased traffic due to the automobile, and that certain parts of the city are inadequately protected during certain hours of the day.

There are at present in this department 15 regular patrolmen and three officers,—Chief, Captain and Lieutenant. With the addition of two regular patrolmen, we shall then have on duty 17 patrolmen, which is none too many for this department to function efficiently. It is absolutely necessary for the Police Department to give more attention to directing traffic, especially during the summer months and at other times and on other occasions when traffic through our city is abnormal. There



is only one patrolman on duty from four o'clock until eight o'clock in the morning, and he only covers Main Street. The Highlands District and the Wyoming District are entirely unprotected during these hours. They are as much entitled to protection at this time of the day as is the center of the city. With the addition of two patrolmen, the beats of the men can be reorganized; and the various sections of the city will then be covered at all hours.

In connection with this department I want to call your attention to traffic conditions in our city. The Police Department with the present number of men is doing as effective work as it can in directing traffic, but we have no regulations and ordinances governing the parking of automobiles. Without such regulations and ordinances the Department is without authority to remedy many of the existing conditions. On certain evenings in the week our Main Street and the streets leading from it are lined for hours on both sides with parked automobiles. It seems needless for me to warn you of the danger in allowing this condition to longer exist.

Let me mention but one possible danger that is likely to arise at any time. Suppose an alarm of fire should come in from any box south of Essex Street on any Saturday evening. It would be impossible for the apparatus in the Central Station to respond by taking its course down Main Street or any of the streets leading from it without loss of time, and without endangering the lives not alone of the public but of the firemen themselves. This is only an instance. It is likely to happen any week. I recommend that your Honorable Board, in cooperation with the Police Department, take up this problem as early this year as possible, and formulate a few ordinances and regulations which will relieve this dangerous condition with as little inconvenience as possible to the automobile owner. I know that you will find some opposition to this proposal, but I believe that your duty in dealing with this matter is clearly defined.

#### Park Department

Melrose for a city of its size and wealth has a park system which is on a par with that of any surrounding cities or towns. These open areas in different sections within the city limits are of inestimable worth in a city of homes such as ours. When once developed the cost of upkeep is a small part of the city's annual budget, as is shown from the fact that for the past three years, without any change or additions our parks have been maintained without any substantial increase in cost. One additional park recently given to the city by our public-spirited citizen, Mr. Frederick P. Bowden, remains to be completed this year, and I recommend that such a sum of money as the Park Commission needs for this purpose be appropriated in the annual budget.

Our largest park area is that at Ell Pond. That part of this area known as the "Knoll" is now hallowed ground. It has been set apart as a memorial to the Melrose boys, both soldiers and sailors, who gave their lives in the World War. It is no longer common ground. It should

not be used by children as a playground, nor desecrated by a thoughtless public. Some action must be taken to protect this hallowed spot. I recommend that a sum of money be appropriated sufficient to erect suitable bronze tablets, so that the public, and especially our children, shall be educated to know that this Knoll is a Memorial and a sacred place which they should regard with reverence and veneration.

We now have three supervised playgrounds, two of which are adjacent to a public school. They are fully equipped with playground apparatus adapted to the needs of young children and boys and girls of high school age. Statistics as a rule are uninteresting, but it is of interest to know that in the months of July and August 1924 the daily attendance for the summer, including the bath-house, was 32,025. These figures surely indicate that our children do appreciate the opportunities we give them for play and recreation during the summer months.

One section of the city has been neglected in this playground development. It is the intention of the Park Commission in cooperation with the School Committee to establish a new playground this year near the new Ward 7 school, if land adjacent to the school is available. I shall include in my annual budget for the Park Commission an appropriation sufficient to start this project in that section of the city, and I commend it to your serious consideration.

### The Library

The circulation of books from the main library shows a substantial increase each year. The increased circulation each year in the branch libraries now established in various sections of the city shows that our citizens appreciate the opportunity given them of having easy access to books and magazines, and justifies the expense necessary to maintain these branches.

A new activity in connection with the main library building has recently been started by the Board of Library Trustees, and is playing a most important part in the lives of many of the children in our community. In the early months of 1923 some little boys were found playing a game with cards, a children's game, in the children's reading room in the library. Such play activities are not allowed in this room. The thought presented itself to Miss Hatch, the librarian, why should there not be a place in the library where children could amuse themselves in a quiet way. It was found that two large rooms in the basement of the Library could, by changes and renovations, be adapted admirably for recreation purposes, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in 1924 provided the funds of \$800 or \$900 necessary to put these rooms in condition, by an appropriation in the annual budget. Benevolent organizations and individuals contributed toward the necessary equipment. Early in October 1924 the rooms were opened to children between the ages of 5 and 14. Up to the present time about 500 different children have come to these rooms, which are open from 3 to 6 in the afternoon. Frequently as many as 70 children from all parts of the city have been there on an afternoon.

The project has been successful from the start and justifies the action of the Trustees in creating a center in the Free Public Library Building for such child activities. Children who would otherwise be on the streets come to these rooms and play all sorts of games under the intelligent and sympathetic supervision of Miss Leila Allen, a trained recreation worker, whose services the Trustees secured for the balance of the year.

Trained supervision is absolutely necessary to a project of this kind. The Trustees desire to open these rooms in the evening to older girls and boys. They want to continue the trained supervision. They are going to ask in their budget for a sum sufficient to carry on this work this year. I know of no better investment we can make of the small amount required. We make ample provisions for the recreation of our children during the summer months with our supervised playgrounds. Why should we not make provisions for indoor recreation for them during the inclement months? What place is more fitting for such activities than the Public Library, which is the only building in the city which is free to all?

### Schools

The school building program, as recommended by the School Committee, has been partially completed by the construction of the Roosevelt School, the addition to the Washington School, and a new school in Precinct 2 of Ward 7. This is a good beginning. It has relieved the congestion in our schools to some extent, but there is immediate need of continuing this program.

Every classroom is now filled to capacity; the number of pupils in many cases still running to fifty (50) to a room. The portable building at the Washington School is still in use. The Sewall School, which everyone condemns, is still used to capacity. The school population is growing at the rate of two classrooms a year. There is pressing need for five (5) classrooms now. Rooms containing forty-five (45) or fifty (50) children should be split into smaller units, if our children are to receive proper instruction. Because of crowded conditions in some of the school buildings, notably the Washington, Winthrop and Livermore, the School Committee has again had to put classes in small, poorly ventilated rooms that were never intended for classroom purposes.

As the next step in the School Building Program the School Committee has already recommended on two separate occasions the construction of a new building in the Winthrop District, on land which the city now owns adjacent to the present Winthrop School. I am convinced that conditions ahead of us are serious enough to necessitate the construction of this building this year. I recommend that your Honorable Board pass the necessary legislation authorizing the Mayor to obtain from the Legislature a permissive act enabling us to borrow \$200,000 outside the debt limit to construct and furnish a twelve (12) room school building with a gymnasium that can also be used as an Auditorium.



The construction of this building should be begun this year, so that it will be ready for occupancy not later than September 1926. With the conditions which I have just mentioned as existing at the present time, and with the probable increase in pupils sufficient to fill two more classrooms in September 1925, we shall on that date be seven (7) classrooms short to properly house the school children, and nine (9) classrooms short by the time the building is ready in September 1926.

There is need of a thorough reorganization of the courses of study in our High School. Its present courses are antiquated and narrow. Their viewpoint is that of long ago. They practically offer educational training only in the sciences and liberal arts. Aside from the course in Commercial branches, our boys and girls are offered no opportunity to obtain an education that will prepare them in practical ways of living. We should have in our High School courses in domestic and household arts for the girls, and a course in manual arts for the boys. Every high school of any standing in Massachusetts offers such courses. Melrose is far behind the times in this respect. I hope that you will be willing to act favorably on an appropriation to establish such courses when the School Committee has reached a proper solution of the matter and is prepared to make some recommendation.

One other matter in connection with our schools demands your serious consideration. Every available foot of vacant land adjacent to our school houses should be acquired by the city at once. There is no need for me to offer any arguments to defend this statement. You surely realize the necessity and wisdom of such action.

### Memorial Building

The Board of Aldermen in December 1924, passed an order appropriating \$40,000 for an addition to the Memorial Building. This money will become available this month. Plans and specifications will be prepared immediately and work on the construction will be begun just as soon as these have been accepted and the contracts awarded. An additional \$10,500 to be included in the tax levy of this year, will be needed to repair the roof and re-decorate the interior of the building.

It is unfortunate that our citizens have been deprived of the use of the Memorial Building this winter. They miss it. They never realized before how important it is as a center of our civic and social activities. They will not begrudge the expense necessary to put it in repair. It will be turned back to them for their use at the earliest possible date; and I hope at that time, it will be re-dedicated to the purposes for which it was originally erected.

### Final

And now, my fellow-citizens, I want to say a few words to you. I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me by electing me to this high office. I appreciate the responsibilities that go with it. I have

no easy task ahead of me. I am moved by the expressions of good will and promises of support that have come to me from so many of you. It inspires me to take up my task with courage and with optimism.

I have promised to give you a sound business administration. To that end I shall summon to my aid the best brains I can command. In making my appointments I shall select only those who I feel confident will bring to each department something of value in training, experience and judgment, that will help to make that department function more efficiently for the benefit of the people. I shall invest your money in time-saving and labor-saving equipment, that I may secure for you the maximum amount of value in service and improvements.

I cannot accomplish in the first few months of my administration all that needs to be done. You must have patience with me. I shall probably make many changes and do many things that may cause you to question my judgment. You must have faith in me that I shall act at all times with full knowledge of conditions involved. I shall always welcome constructive criticism. I shall resent and ignore carping and petty criticism based on selfish motives and on ignorance of the real facts about the matter in question.

In closing let me urge you all to take home this thought tonight, that you each one individually must assume your share of responsibility in making this administration successful. May each of you realize your duties as a citizen. Resolve to take an interest in the business affairs of your city. Let us all work together in the coming months to make our city beautiful, healthful, decent, orderly, and safe.

# **GOVERNMENT**

## **of the City of Melrose, 1925**

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**Mayor**

**ALBERT M. TIBBETTS**

**President of the Board of Aldermen**

**GEORGE H. JACKMAN**

**Clerk Board of Aldermen**

**VICTOR C. KIRMES**

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### **Aldermen-at-Large**

	<b>Ward</b>
George H. Jackman, 273 Porter Street.....	4
Alfred C. Malm, 89 Malvern Street.....	7
Lorin A. Presby, 20 Emerson Place (elected in place of Stone, Sept. 15, 1925).....	4
Robert J. W. Stone, 43 School Street (served to Sept. 14, 1925. Resigned)	4
Eben M. Taylor, 51 Bellevue Avenue.....	4

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### **Ward Aldermen**

	<b>Ward</b>
Frank H. Noyes, 14 North Avenue.....	1
Russell B. Hall, 133 Rowe Street.....	2
John F. Ruffe, 8 South Cedar Park.....	3
John Dike, 112 West Emerson Street.....	4
Charles B. Camerlin, 88 Florence Street.....	5
Walter A. T. Norris, 136 East Foster Street.....	6
Joseph A. Milano, 115 Grove Street.....	7

**MELROSE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1925**

**Appropriations**

Taylor, Chairman. Hall, Noyes, Ruffe, Dike, Camerlin, Stone, Norris,  
Milano, Malm.

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**Education and Public Service**

Ruffe, Chairman. Malm, Dike, Stone, Camerlin.

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**Finance**

Norris, Chairman. Stone, Hall, Taylor, Dike.

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**Highways**

Dike, Chairman. Ruffe, Milano, Hall, Camerlin, Norris, Noyes.

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**Legal and Legislative**

Milano, Chairman. Noyes, Malm.

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**Protection and Licenses**

Camerlin, Chairman. Milano, Noyes, Hall, Ruffe, Malm, Norris.

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**Clerk of Committees**

GEORGE W. ROGERS

# City Officers

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City Clerk  
VICTOR C. KIRMES

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Assistant City Clerk and Clerk of Committees  
George W. Rogers

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City Treasurer  
George H. Towne

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City Collector  
William A. Carrie

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City Auditor  
William T. Wolley

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Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works  
Frank Emerson

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City Solicitor  
Oscar Storer

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Mayor's Secretary  
Blanche E. Nickerson

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Chief of Fire Department  
Frank C. Newman

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Chief of Police  
George E. Kerr  
(Died May 25, 1925)

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Captain of Police  
Louis B. Heaton

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Inspector of Buildings  
Angus MacDónald

## CITY GOVERNMENT

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### Inspector of Plumbing

Andrew J. Burnett  
(Died Jan. 24, 1925)  
Fred A. Young

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### Inspector of Food

Kenneth B. Hadley

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### Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

Calvert H. Playdon

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### Inspector of Milk and Vinegar

H. E. Berger, Jr.

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### Collector of Milk Samples

Thomas F. Harris

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### Sealer of Weights and Measures

Philip B. Carruthers

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### Supt. Brown Tail and Gypsy Moths

John J. McCullough

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### Burial Agent

Mary A. Kenah

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### Agent State Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief

Mary A. Kenah

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### Assessors

John C. Crolly  
Frederick W. Patten  
Joshua T. Nowell

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### Assistant Assessors

Mary Anderton  
Helen Hebblethwaite  
Pearl W. Moore

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### Inspector of Wires

Fred A. Edwards

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### Board of Health

Clarence P. Holden, M.D., *Chairman*

Melvin H. Nicholls, M.D.

Rev. Lester L. Lewis

## CITY OF MELROSE

**City Physician**

Clarence P. Holden, M.D.

**School Physicians**

Elizabeth Hirst

Edward L. Marr

**Public Health Nurse**

Mrs. Myrtle S. Meriam

**Board of Public Welfare**Adeline G. Reed, *Chairman*

Gertrude Provandie

Thomas F. Troy

**Park Commission**

Richard J. Lord, <i>Chairman</i> .....	Term expires	1930
Walter A. Lindell.....	" "	1926
Neil S. Casey.....	" "	1927
George E. Manser.....	" "	1928
Edward L. Evans.....	" "	1929
George W. Rogers, <i>Clerk</i> .....		

**Superintendent of Schools**

Herman H. Stuart

**School Committee**

Harry F. Sears, <i>Chairman</i> .....	Term expires	1926
Henry N. Andrews.....	" "	1926
Frank J. Sherman.....	" "	1926
Maude M. Johnson.....	" "	1926
Bertha H. Marshall.....	" "	1926
Josiah D. Bullens.....	" "	1928
Helen S. Campbell.....	" "	1928
Henry T. Claus.....	" "	1928
Elmer O. Goodridge.....	" "	1928

**Sinking Fund Commissioners**

Edward J. Kitching, <i>Chairman</i> .....	Term expires	1928
Franklin P. Shumway.....	" "	1926
Maurice C. Cochrane.....	" "	1927



**Trustees Public Library**

Rev. Paul Sterling, <i>Chairman</i> .....	Term expires	1927
Ralph G. Harmon.....	" "	1927
Mary C. Barton.....	" "	1926
Frank W. Campbell.....	" "	1926
Neil A. Divver.....	" "	1928
Mary D. Dike.....	" "	1928

**Cemetery Committee**

Harold W. Anderson	Albert G. Armington	Carl F. Shaw
Roscoe A. Leavitt, <i>Supt.</i> , Wyoming Cemetery		
Asa Childs, <i>Inspector</i> of Graves, Soldiers and Sailors		

**Registrars of Voters**

Edward L. Cragin, <i>Chairman</i> .....	Term expires	1928
John J. Keating.....	" "	1926
Charles E. Holt.....	" "	1927
Victor C. Kirmes, <i>City Clerk, Ex-Officio</i>		

**Dog Officer**

M. James Hanley

**Keeper of the Lock-up**

George E. Kerr  
(Died May 25, 1925)

Louis B. Heaton

**Fence Viewers**

Daniel J. Lucey, *Chairman*  
Lewis C. Hoyt  
Charles H. Everson

**Planning Board**

Eva G. Osgood, <i>Chairman</i> .....	Term expires	1927
Caroline H. Blake.....	" "	1927
Melvin A. Walter.....	" "	1927
Agnes L. Dodge.....	" "	1926
Edward E. Prior.....	" "	1926
George C. Glover.....	" "	1926
Albe S. Noyes.....	" "	1928
Charles H. Gilmore.....	" "	1928
Albert A. Hersey.....	" "	19



## CITY OF MELROSE

## Board of Survey

William N. Folson, <i>Chairman</i> .....	Term expires 1928
Clarence Cochran.....	" " 1926
William E. Waterhouse.....	" " 1927

## Advisory Committee on Memorial Building

Thomas J. Edwards, <i>Chairman</i> .....	Term expires 1926
Harry A. Gerrish.....	" " 1926
Dr. Forrest F. Pike.....	" " 1926
Elizabeth M. Stetson.....	" " 1927
Nellie F. Luce.....	" " 1927
Charles L. Robinson.....	" " 1927
Agnes Edwards Hatch.....	" " 1927
Elmer Wilson.....	" " 1928
Winfield C. Littlefield.....	" " 1928
Frederic L. Putnam.....	" " 1928
Louis K. McNally.....	" " 1928

## Board of Appeal

H. Ray Wilson, <i>Chairman</i> .....	Term expires 1929
Thomas McKie.....	" " 1927
Royal B. Wills.....	" " 1927
Victor H. Muttly.....	" " 1926
William B. Wadland.....	" " 1926
George W. Rogers, <i>Clerk</i>	

## List of Ex-Mayors

## Terms of Office

*Levi S. Gould.....	1900
John Larrabee.....	1901-1902
*Sidney H. Buttrick.....	1903-1904-1905
*Charles J. Barton.....	1906
*Eugene H. Moore.....	1907-8-9-10-11
*Charles E. French.....	1912
*Oliver B. Munroe.....	1913-1914
Charles H. Adams.....	1915-16-17-18-19-20
Angier L. Goodwin.....	1921-1922
Paul H. Provandie.....	1923-1924

\*Deceased.

## List of Ex-Presidents Board of Aldermen

	Terms of Office
George R. Jones.....	1900
*John G. Robinson.....	1901-2
Aaron Hill, Jr.....	1903-4-5-6
Charles C. Swett.....	1907-8-9
*Charles E. French.....	1910-11
*J. Sydney Hitchins.....	1912-13
Frederick T. Peabody.....	1914-15
Edward F. Cassell.....	1916-17
William A. Carrie.....	1918
Albert M. Tibbetts.....	1919
Angier L. Goodwin.....	1920
Leslie F. Keene.....	1921
H. Ray Wilson.....	1922-23
Walter A. T. Norris.....	1924

\*Deceased.

## Report of Advisory Committee Soldier's and Sailors' Memorial Building

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To the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen, Melrose, Mass.

*Gentlemen:*—The Advisory Committee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Building submit the following report:—

On account of making extensive repairs and alterations the Memorial Building has been closed for over a year.

In making these repairs and alterations we have had many delays caused by strikes and other circumstances, some of which were unavoidable.

In many ways the work has been discouraging, for as we took care of one bad condition another was always coming up to take its place.

The caisson pile at the northwest corner of the extension gave us trouble. During the work this caisson began to settle, and while only a small amount, it gave us some concern.

Our engineers have given their opinion that it has gone about as far as it will.

This settlement of the corner caisson interferes in no way with the safety of the building, and there are various ways of correcting the condition. We shall look to our engineers to see that finally we have a perfect condition.

It was originally intended to move the organ back to a firm foundation without disturbing any part of the mechanism, which could have been done without much work, but as the work progressed it was found that in order to properly support the back of the building some great iron columns would have to be put in. This interfered with our plans and consequently we were obliged to dismantle a greater part of the organ in order to carry it by these iron supports.

Reassembling the organ is slow work and will take some time, as there are only a few men that do this class of work; but we are assured by the organ people that we shall have a more beautiful organ to look at and a more wonderful one to listen to, when completed.

The large wooden pipes that were obliged to be laid on the top formerly, for want of room, will now be placed in the proper upright position.

During the progress of this work we have taken care of many bad conditions of long standing.

To enumerate all the improvements which have been made would fill a fair sized book.

When the organ was installed, it was found necessary to crowd the border lights in such a manner as to interfere with the working of the fire curtain, making it practically useless, so that for years our people were not getting the protection required by law.

The big central fuse box on the stage was a confused mass of wires and in a most dangerous condition, caused by many additions and alterations. It would be very difficult to describe its condition, but in the opinion of the expert electrician working on the building, it was the biggest fire-trap he had ever seen in a public building. This has been remedied.

Eventually we shall all be happier in a more beautiful and much safer building.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Salaries and Wages

Appropriation.....	\$2,500.00	
Expended.....	2,400.84	
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Balance.....		\$99.16

#### Other Expenses

Appropriation.....	\$3,500.00	
Expended.....	3,458.44	
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Balance.....		\$41.56

For financial statement of Alterations, etc., see report of City Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. EDWARDS

*Chairman Advisory Committee*

Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Building

## Report of Board of Appeal

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To His Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen;

*Gentlemen:*—In accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXIX of the Revised Ordinances, I herewith submit the Second Annual Report of the Board of Appeal, for the year 1925.

During the year 1925 the Board of Appeal has functioned efficiently with H. Ray Wilson as the Chairman.

The Board had held 14 meetings and 13 hearings. There were 29 Appeals from the Decision of the Inspector of Buildings which was referred to the Board of Appeal. The Decision of the Inspector of Buildings was affirmed in 14 cases, reversed in 13 cases and modified in none. One case was withdrawn and in one case no decision was rendered, as plans were not furnished.

The Board of Appeal does not wish, at this time, to recommend any revision of the Zoning Law or Map as this Law appears to be operating with the maximum benefit and the minimum of inconvenience to our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Board of Appeal,

ROYAL B. WILLS, *Chairman*

# Report of Board of Assessors

To His Honor the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report of the Assessors' department, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

## TAXABLE VALUATION OF THE CITY

Real Estate.....	\$25,574,500.00
Personal Estate.....	3,183,200.00
Total Taxable Valuation.....	\$28,757,700.00
Rate of Taxation \$32.20 per \$1000.00.	

Amount raised on Property and Polls:

Real Estate.....	\$823,498.90
Personal Estate.....	102,499.04
5815 Polls at \$2.00 each.....	11,630.00
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	\$937,627.94

## BUDGET

State Tax.....	\$47,040.00	
County Tax.....	35,829.68	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax.....	25,330.96	
Metropolitan Park Tax.....	17,142.06	
State Highway Tax.....	629.87	
Charles River Basin Tax.....	2,593.96	
Fire Prevention Tax.....	254.72	
Auditing Municipal Accounts.....	66.39	
Metropolitan Planning Tax.....	237.76	
Metropolitan District Commission.....	843.09	
City Budget.....	850,764.17	
Overlay.....	17,848.88	
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	\$998,581.54	
Less Income Tax.....	60,953.60	\$937,627.94
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Supplemental Assessments.....		1,190.30

Number of residents assessed for real and personal property.....	3,491
Number of non-residents assessed for real and personal property ..	683
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only.....	4,013
Number of horses assessed.....	99
Number of cows assessed.....	195
Number of dwellings.....	4,311

## VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Houses of religious worship.....	\$645,500.00
Literary institutions.....	82,600.00
Benevolent institutions.....	266,500.00
Charitable institutions.....	11,300.00
Cemeteries.....	10,500.00
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	\$1,016,400.00

Yours respectfully,

JOSHUA T. NOWELL  
FREDERICK W. PATTEN  
JOHN C. CROLLY  
*Board of Assessors*



# Report of the Board of Health

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To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Health respectfully submits herewith its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1925. The membership of the Board was as follows: Clarence P. Holden, M.D., Chairman; Melvin H. Nicholls, M.D., and Rev. Lester L. Lewis.

**General Health.**—The general health of the city has been good, although there was an increase in the total number of deaths. Melrose in common with the country in general, shows a very large proportion of deaths from the so-called degenerative diseases, viz:—diseases of the heart, the circulatory system and the kidneys. Of the common infectious diseases, the most noticeable during the year have been measles and whooping-cough. The total number of cases of diphtheria was small and of these none had had Schick treatment. In fact there has been no case of diphtheria in any child who has received the Schick treatment since it was inaugurated.

The records show a slight increase in the number of cases of tuberculosis, due probably to more satisfactory reports on the part of physicians. It also shows a considerable increase in the number of deaths, but several of these were cases in the hospital brought from elsewhere for treatment. The general situation with respect to tuberculosis is improving.

**Barber Shops.**—The barber shops have been inspected and have been rated from a sanitary viewpoint as follows:—9 good, 2 fair and 0 unclean.

**Dairy Inspection.**—Dairies were inspected and rated as follows: 16 good, 10 fair, 0 unclean; 119 licenses to sell milk and oleo were issued.

**Bakeries.**—Inspection of bakeries was made as required by law. There were 11 registered, all complying satisfactorily with requirements.

**Nuisances.**—Number of complaints investigated 69—number found with no cause for complaint 14, abated 55.

**Undertakers.**—The following named undertakers have been licensed: Henry W. Clark, Albert J. Walton, Fred T. Churchill, John W. Gately, Harry F. Ferguson, E. Sears Stetson, and Frank S. Whitney.

**Boarding Houses for Infants.**—The Board has approved the applications of the following named persons to maintain boarding houses for infants: Mrs. Nellie Crosby, Mrs. Jane Dieter, Mrs. Nellie Gillespie, Mrs. Helen C. Loeser, Mrs. Ruby MacLeod, Mrs. Clara J. Manley, Mrs. Annie Mullan, Mrs. E. May Roberts, Mrs. Mary E. Silver and Mrs. Mary Walden.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE P. HOLDEN

MELVIN H. NICHOLLS

LESTER L. LEWIS

*Board of Health*



Table I  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1924	Totals 1924	1925	Totals 1925
Total Appropriations.....		\$9,850.00		\$11,364.00
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General Administration.....		2,538.21		\$2,507.65
Salary of Board.....	\$870.00		\$870.00	
Salary of Clerk.....	1,343.10		1,386.11	
Telephone.....	73.98		84.91	
Stationery and Postage.....	35.43		25.15	
Transportation and Use of Car.....	180.00		93.08	
Sundries.....	35.70		48.40	
Other Expenses.....		1,993.72		1,650.23
Plumbing Inspection.....	1,150.00		1,100.00	
Sanitary Inspection.....	250.00		150.83	
Burial Dead Animals.....	99.73		109.50	
Dumps and Dump Signs.....	14.00		3.75	
Medicine.....	10.05		1.35	
Office Supplies.....	147.04		81.02	
Transportation and Use of Car.....	98.71		96.10	
Ads. and Reports.....	45.93		25.00	
Inspection of Food.....	114.00		32.50	
Sundries.....	64.22		50.18	
Quarantine and Contagious Disease Hosp.		2,733.48		3,106.26
Maintenance of Patients in Hospital....	2,621.50		2,303.50	
Transportation and Use of Car.....	90.00		90.00	
Outside Aid.....	.85		78.40	
Antirabic and Schick Work.....	121.13		24.56	
Sundries.....			18.80	
Inspection.....		1,838.90		1,889.00
Inspection School Children.....	437.50		375.00	
Inspection of Milk.....	100.00		100.00	
Inspection Animals and Slaughtering....	200.00		200.00	
Inspection Food Products.....	1.40		114.00	
Public Health Nurse.....	700.00		700.00	
Milk Analysis.....	400.00		400.00	
Tuberculosis.....		994.08		1,407.04
Outside Aid.....	430.98		536.65	
Board and Supplies in Hospitals.....	560.75		779.59	
Sputum Cups and Medicine.....	2.35		.80	
Transportation and Use of Car.....			90.00	
Total Expenditures.....		\$10,098.39		\$10,560.58
Revenues of Board of Health.....		973.64		1,593.42
Licenses.....	61.50		88.50	
Reimbursements.....	912.14		1,504.93	

Table II

## CASES AND DEATHS OF DISEASES DANGEROUS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, BY MONTHS

This table includes all cases (with their deaths) irrespective of whether cases were transported into the city from elsewhere or were contracted outside of the city; also all deaths of Melrose cases dying in hospitals out of town.

Months	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Whooping Cough		Smallpox		Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Polio-myelitis		Tuberculosis				Totals for Months	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases and Pulmonary and Miliary	Meningeal		Other Forms	Cases	Deaths		
January.....	5	1	22	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	32	3	
February....	..	1	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	3	
March.....	5	..	17	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	28	..	
April.....	5	..	3	2	..	..	72	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	85	5	
May.....	4	..	1	..	..	..	210	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	219	..	
June.....	1	1	1	..	..	..	66	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	74	2	
July.....	..	..	3	..	..	..	9	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	17	1	
August.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	2	1	12	1	
September..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	12	2	
October....	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	23	1	
November..	..	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	14	2	
December ..	1	..	2	..	1	..	5	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	19	3	
Totals.....	25	3	57	2	5	..	375	..	49	2	..	..	..	..	23	12	1	1	5	542	23	

Table III

## CASES AND DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES EACH YEAR, FOR TEN YEARS

This table includes all cases (with their deaths) irrespective of whether cases were transported into the city from elsewhere or were contracted outside of the city; also all deaths of Melese cases dying out of town.

Years	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Whooping Cough		Smallpox		Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Polio-myelitis		Tuberculosis					
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Pulmonary and Miliary	Meningeal	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1916.....	14	1	11	1	14	1	11	..	107	4	..	..	3	..	17	3	22	12	..	..	1	1
1917.....	85	4	42	..	3	..	290	2	6	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	18	10	..	..	1	1
1918.....	24	2	20	1	3	1	50	..	10	2	..	..	8	..	..	..	23	10	..	1	1	2
1919.....	13	3	48	3	3	..	11	..	65	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	13	9	..	1	..	3
1920.....	32	2	42	..	4	..	367	1	34	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	12	9	..	2	..	..
1921.....	69	3	43	..	6	1	29	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	19	13	..	3	3	1
1922.....	17	1	81	..	5	1	167	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	19	8	3	3	6	1
1923.....	14	2	90	1	3	..	156	..	67	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	6	..	..	3	..
1924.....	27	2	150	2	2	..	18	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	13	3	1	2	5	1
1925.....	25	3	57	2	5	..	375	..	49	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	23	12	1	1	5	3

**TABLE IV**  
**INFANT MORTALITY**  
**(Not including stillbirths)**

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TABLE V  
INFANT MORTALITY

Class No.	YEAR 1925 Cause of Death	Total under 1 yr.	AGES											
			Under 1 day	1 to 2 days	2 to 3 days	3 days to 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 weeks to 1 month	1 to 2 months	2 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months
9	Whooping Cough.....	{ M F } 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	
99	Bronchitis.....	{ M F } 0	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	
100	Bronchopneumonia..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
113	Diarrhoea and Enter- itis.....	{ F M } 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	
159	Congenital Malfor- mations.....	{ F M } 3	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	
159	Congenital debility, icterus and sele- rena.....	{ M F } 5	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	
161	Premature Birth, In- jury at Birth.....	{ M F } 3	3	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	
162	Other Diseases Pecul- iar to Early Infancy	{ M F } 0	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	







## Report of Inspector of Animals

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I wish at this time to submit my report as Inspector of Animals in the city of Melrose for the year 1925.

During the early part of the year orders were received to make an inspection of all cattle, sheep, swine, etc., and also of the premises where the same were kept. These orders were carried out and reports of same returned on time. Suggestions for betterment of conditions were made where considered advisable and a subsequent visit made to see that these suggestions were carried out satisfactorily.

The cattle with very few exceptions are well kept, in good condition and healthy. Within the year 75% of the cattle have safely passed the tuberculin test under State and Federal supervision, by request of the owners. The nearby milk supply, especially that portion which is produced in some Melrose dairies, cannot be improved on anywhere.

Rabies is a disease which causes some uneasiness at all times. During the year several cases were investigated and where symptoms warranted, the animal was destroyed and persons bitten or injured by them were treated. The single vaccination method of immunizing dogs against rabies has been adopted in many places with varied success.

European Fowl Plague made its appearance early in the season and in many places the entire flock was wiped out before it could be brought under control. Strict quarantine of all shipments was of great assistance in combating this scourge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. PLAYDON, M.D.V.

*Inspector of Animals*



## Report of Inspector of Milk

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Below is my report as milk inspector for your board during the year 1925. As has been the custom in years past, monthly samples have been taken from the wagons or dairies of those dealers selling milk in the city. The appended tables give in a concise way the results of the analysis performed by this department.

To readers of this report it should be kept in mind that milk with consistently low bacterial counts is a milk which is drawn and handled in a cleanly way. Milk giving high butter fat and total solid results, is a product which gives the buyer the most for his money. Food value and cleanliness are the prime essentials for a milk supply.

Respectfully,

H. E. BERGER,  
*Milk Inspector*

## AVERAGE CHEMICAL AND MEDIAN COUNT OF SAMPLES, 1925

(12 samples taken unless otherwise stated)

DEALER	Median bacterial count per c.c.	Avg. % Fat	Avg. % Solids
Antunes, G. E. ....	28,500	3.6	12.47
Bloss, W. C. ....	50,500	4.4	12.89
Forbes Dairy Co. ....	27,000 24 samples	3.4	12.40
Guazzalocca, J. ....	9,000	4.5	13.63
Howard Farm. ....	31,500	4.2	13.0
Hood, H. P. & Sons, Jersey. ....	24,000	3.9	12.69
Grade A. ....	7,600	4.25	13.02
Kiley, R. J. ....	28,000	3.55	12.46
Lane, Frank. ....	8,000	4.1	13.80
Lord, C. G. ....	39,500	3.75	12.64
Manning, J. S. ....	15,000	4.40	13.38
Munn, T. J. & Son. ....	67,500	3.65	12.41
Penney, H. J. ....	47,000	3.55	12.12
Quinn, M. J. ....	32,500	3.50	12.31
Roulston, R. ....	31,000	4.0	13.02
Ruggles, C. E. ....	6,000	4.6	13.44
Sartori, Carlo. ....	62,000	4.30	13.13
Spear, C. W. ....	40,500	3.6	12.61
Spratt, Mrs. Abbie. ....	23,000	4.6	13.62
Turner Centre System. ....	42,500	3.8	12.74
Walker, J. V. ....	18,000	3.70	12.35
Whiting Milk Co. Grade A. ....	18,000	4.1	13.05
Family. ....	33,000	3.70	12.59
State Law requires. ....		3.35	12.0

## PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLES WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS

DEALER	Excellent under 10,000	Good 10,000 to 20,000	Fair 20,000 to 50,000	Poor 50,000 to 100,000	Bad 100,000 to 300,000
Antunes, G. E.....	8.3	33.3	50.00	16.6	
Bloss, W. C.....			50.00	41.6	8.3
Bucci, A.....	8.3	16.6	66.6	8.3	
Forbes Dairy.....	8.0	8.0	44.0	28.0	8.0
Guazzalocca, J.....	25.0	41.6	8.3	16.6	
Howard Farm.....		25.0	58.3	16.6	
Hood, H. P. & Son					
Jersey.....	8.3	8.3	83.3		
Grade A.....	66.6	25.0	8.3		
Kiley, R.....	8.3	16.6	58.3	8.3	8.3
Lane, F.....	58.3		33.3	8.3	
Lord, C. G.....		16.6	41.6	41.6	
Manning, J. S.....	33.3	25.0	33.3	8.3	
Munn, T. J.....	8.3		41.6	16.6	33.3
Penney, H. J.....		8.3	58.3	33.3	8.3
Quinn, M. J.....		8.3	83.3	8.3	
Roulston, R.....		25.0	41.6	33.3	
Ruggles, C. E.....	28.4	42.4	14.2	14.2	
Sartori, C.....		8.3	16.6	66.6	8.3
Spear, C. W.....			63.7	18.2	18.2
Spratt, Mrs. A.....	8.3	33.3	50.0		8.3
Turner Centre System..			83.3	16.6	
Walker, C. V.....	14.2		71.6	14.2	
Whiting Milk Co.					
Grade A.....	20.0	40.0	30.0	10.0	
Regular.....		8.3	75.0	16.6	

## Report of City Physician

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### Visits made for the Department of Public Welfare:—

To patients in their homes.....	168
Office calls.....	75

### Visits made for the Health Department:—

To patients in their homes.....	60
To patients in the hospital.....	11
Visits of inspection and consultation.....	166
Office treatment for pupils of the public schools.....	60
Visits for the Police Department.....	20
Vaccinations.....	90

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE P. HOLDEN, M.D.  
*City Physician*

## Report of Inspector of Plumbing

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Permits granted for plumbing in new buildings.....	197
Permits granted for plumbing in old buildings.....	184
Total.....	381
Total number of permits approved.....	312
Number of water tests.....	250
Total number of visits of inspection.....	612
Sinks installed.....	310
Wash trays installed.....	220
Water closets installed.....	329
Bath tubs installed.....	260
Wash bowls installed.....	290
Pressure boilers installed.....	146
Traps replaced.....	13
Slop sinks installed.....	1
Urinals installed.....	2
Drinking fountains installed.....	1
Shower baths installed.....	9
New buildings connected to sewer.....	114
New buildings connected to cesspools.....	35
Old buildings connected to sewer.....	15
Old buildings connected to cesspools.....	35
Resetting, replacing fixtures.....	29
Refrigerator wastes connected.....	5

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. YOUNG,  
*Plumbing Inspector*

# Report of Public Health Nursing Service

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## SCHOOL NURSING

In the past year the work of the school nurse has been performed as formerly, under the direction of the Board of Health and in cooperation with the School Department. A physical examination of all pupils takes place soon after the opening of school, in which I assist the physicians. Class-room inspection is carried on weekly, for the control of infectious skin diseases, pediculosis and other affections. Improved conditions as to teeth are noticeable, due to better cooperation of parents and the valuable service rendered by the free dental clinic at the Melrose Hospital. Schick work is now done yearly; records are kept of each child tested and immunized. An increase in the number of operations for removal of tonsils and adenoids is shown. Special attention is given to children found to be over ten per cent under weight, and free milk provided for them daily in the schools. This group of under nourished boys and girls receive further help in the Summer Health and Play School, the report of which follows:

## SUMMER HEALTH AND PLAY SCHOOL

The sixth session of the Summer Health and Play School was again held at the Sewall and High Schools, the general routine varying but little from previous years. This school is strictly of the day-camp variety, no overnight work having been attempted as yet. The daily program starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3.30 p.m., with two light lunches and a substantial hot meal, a nap or rest period after the dinner, and work and play under supervision of two trained instructors. The object of the school is to strengthen resistance to disease in these children, build them up physically, and encourage hygienic habits of living as demonstrated in the daily program. The importance of washing before eating, cleaning the teeth after eating, and a proper amount of sleep is especially emphasized. The school was in session six weeks, opening July 6th, with an enrollment of sixty pupils, and an average daily attendance of forty-eight. They were given a physical examination upon entering and were under constant medical and nursing supervision. Gains in weight were noted weekly with interest, only one child gaining less than one pound, and the largest gain being five pounds. The working staff consisted of two teachers, a supervising nurse and a matron with her assistants to prepare the meals.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTLE S. MERIAM, R. N.,  
*Public Health Nurse*



## Report of Board of Survey

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To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Survey herewith submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

The Board has held four meetings of record during the year.

Plans for the layout of the Bucci property on the easterly side of Main Street and north of Sylvan Street were accepted.

Plans for the layout of the Frank G. Lynde Estate property on the southerly side of West Wyoming Avenue, between Whittier Street Extension, Glen Avenue, and Garland Road, including Crest Avenue, were accepted.

Plans were accepted for the layout of the Derby property west of Main Street, first obliterating all lines in connection with the proposed extension of Sylvan Street over land of the United States Rubber Company.

The plan of Harding A. Ripley for the layout of Sheffield Road was accepted.

Plans were submitted by P. H. and S. S. Crossman for the acceptance of a tract of land north of East Highland Avenue and west of an extension of Hesseltine Avenue. As these plans did not meet many of the requirements of the Board, they were sent back for revision.

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

#### Other Expenses

Appropriation.....	\$100.00
Expended.....	5.61
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Balance.....	\$94.39

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM N. FOLSOM, *Chairman*  
W. E. WATERHOUSE  
CLARENCE COCHRANE

FRANK EMERSON, *Clerk*

# Report of Cemetery Committee

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 22, Section 5, Revised Ordinances of 1922, the Cemetery Committee herewith submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

## APPROPRIATIONS

Maintenance, Improvements, and Care of Soldiers' Graves.....	\$13,692.21	
Supplementary Appropriation.....	500.00	
Appropriation for Motor Mower.....	300.00	\$14,492.21

## Expenditures

Salary of Superintendent.....	\$24,00.00	
Salary of Committee.....	75.00	
Salary of Clerk (3 months).....	39.00	
Labor (pay rolls).....	8,817.29	
Team hire.....	1,022.70	
Shrubs, seeds, dressing, etc.....	169.48	
Office expense.....	449.74	
Cemetery supplies.....	1,049.94	
Insurance.....	92.91	
Overdraft from 1924.....	73.76	
Motor Mower and accessories.....	268.40	
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	\$14,458.22	
Unexpended balance.....	33.99	\$14,492.21

## Receipts

Sale, Rights of Burial, lots.....	\$5,351.00	
Sale, Rights of Burial, graves.....	732.00	
Perpetual Care.....	7,052.00	
Annual Care.....	1,930.50	
Interments.....	2,302.00	
Slate and Cement Vaults.....	190.00	
Lowering device.....	64.00	
Green graves.....	66.00	
Foundations.....	11,02.00	
Rentals.....	285.00	
Miscellaneous.....	135.50	
Interest, Perpetual Care Fund.....	3,402.37	
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	\$22,612.97	
Less lots purchased by Department.....	111.00	
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		\$22,501.97

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WYOMING CEMETERY

For the Year Ending December 31, 1925

Total number interments to Dec. 31, 1925.....	8518
Interments during 1925.....	227
Removals from cemetery.....	1
Total number interments to Jan. 1, 1926.....	8744
Rights of Burial, lots, sold, to Jan. 1, 1925.....	1699
Rights of Burial, lots, sold, during 1925.....	52
Rights of Burial, lots, deeded back.....	3
Total Rights of Burial, lots, sold, to Jan. 1, 1926.....	1748
Rights of Burial, Single Graves, sold, to Jan. 1, 1925.....	1801
Rights of Burial, Single Graves, sold, during 1925.....	71
Rights of Burial, Single Graves, taken back, during 1925.....	8
Total Rights of Burial, Single Graves, sold, to Jan. 1, 1926.....	1864
Total number of lots under Perpetual Care.....	850
Total number of Single Graves under Perpetual Care.....	505
Total number lots available for sale, Jan. 1, 1925.....	47
Total number of lots completed ready for sale during 1925.....	50
Total number of lots available for sale, Jan. 1, 1926.....	50

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. LEAVITT, *Superintendent*

The work of the Cemetery Committee of the past few years has been constantly increasing, due to the increase in the sales of Rights of Burial in lots and single graves, which all require perpetual care.

It can be noted from the Superintendent's itemized report which follows that the number of interments and sale of Rights of Burial are far in excess of previous years.

The receipts of the Cemetery Department this year is the largest in its history, amounting to \$22,501.97. The expense of maintenance for the year of 1925 however was kept practically as low as that for the years of 1923 and 1924, in spite of the fact that at the beginning of this year there were only 47 lots available in which Rights of Burial could be sold.

The Cemetery Committee foreseeing the necessity for more available lots at once, made a survey of the property and ordered work to start at once to prepare lots when same could be accomplished in the least time and expense. This was done and 50 lots were finished.

During the year the wages of the employees has been raised to correspond with the wages paid for similar work in the Public Works Department, at the same time the number of men was kept to the minimum so that the appropriation granted by the Board of Aldermen would not be exceeded due to foreseen reasons.

The spring and summer season of 1925 was such that an exceptional amount of grass cutting was made necessary and overtime work was required to keep the grounds in first class condition.

In conclusion the Cemetery Committee feel it will be necessary for the good of the Cemetery Department to ask for a special appropriation in 1926 for the sole purpose of developing more land for lots.

HAROLD W. ANDERSON, *Chairman*  
ALBERT G. ARMINGTON  
CARL F. SHAW

*Cemetery Committee*

# Report of City Auditor

I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the City Auditor for the year 1925. Being a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the City of Melrose, beginning on the first day of January 1925 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 1925, with a statement of the funded debt, a statement of assets and liabilities, a detailed statement of each department together with a schedule of City property.

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 322, Acts of 1904, I have examined the several trust funds under the control of the Public Library, and find proper vouchers for, and bank books showing balances, as stated by them in their report.

WILLIAM T. WOLLEY,  
*City Auditor*

## FINANCES

The assessed valuation of the City, April 1, 1925 was:

Real Estate.....	\$25,574,500.00
Personal Estate.....	3,183,200.00

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\$28,757,700.00

Increase in valuation from April 1, 1924 to

April 1, 1925.....	\$1,550,750.00
Number of dwellings April 1, 1925.....	4311
Number of polls assessed April 1, 1925.....	5815
Population.....	23,002
Rate of taxation for \$1000 April 1, 1925.....	\$32.20

Appropriation:

State Tax.....	\$47,040.00
County Tax.....	35,829.68
Metropolitan Sewer Tax.....	25,330.96
Metropolitan Park Tax.....	17,142.06
State Highway Tax.....	629.87
Charles River Basin Tax.....	2,593.96
Fire Prevention Tax.....	254.72
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax.....	66.39
Metropolitan Planning Tax.....	237.76
Metropolitan District Commission Tax.....	843.09
City Budget.....	850,764.17
Overlay.....	17,848.88

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\$998,581.54

Less Income Tax.....	60,953.60
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\$937,627.94

Bonded Debt Dec. 31, 1924.....		\$1,093,500.00
Increase Auditorium Bonds issued 1925	\$40,000.00	
Increase Sewer Bonds issued 1925.....	25,000.00	
Increase Surface Drainage Bonds issued 1925.....	10,000.00	
Increase Water Bonds issued 1925.....	30,000.00	
Increase City Hall Addition Bonds issued 1925.....	53,000.00	158,000.00
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		\$1,251,500.00
Decrease:		
Auditorium Bonds paid 1925.....	\$2,000.00	
Sewer Bonds paid 1925.....	114,500.00	
School Bonds paid 1925.....	19,000.00	
Surface Drianage Bonds paid 1925.....	11,500.00	
Water Bonds paid 1925.....	56,000.00	\$203,000.00
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Total Bonded Debt Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$1,048,500.00
Decrease \$45,000.00		

## MUNICIPAL DEBT NOTES

Total outstanding Dec. 31, 1924.....		\$123,125.00
Increase—Notes issued 1925.....		33,800.00
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		\$156,925.00
Decrease—Notes paid 1925.....		31,125.00
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Total outstanding Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$125,800.00
Increase 1925, \$2,675.00		
Municipal Notes due 1926.....	\$33,300.00	
1927.....	30,000.00	
1928.....	22,500.00	
1929.....	21,000.00	
1930.....	15,500.00	
1931.....	2,500.00	
1932.....	1,000.00	\$125,800.00
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## BONDED DEBT DEC. 31, 1925

Auditorium Building Bonds.....	\$52,000.00	
School Building Bonds.....	384,000.00	
Sewer Bonds.....	281,500.00	
Surface Drainage Bonds.....	171,000.00	
Water Bonds.....	107,000.00	
City Hall Addition Bonds.....	53,000.00	\$1,048,500.00

Less Sinking Funds:		
School House Loan.....	\$38,404.39	
Sewer Loan.....	168,737.19	
Surface Drainage Loan.....	70,271.44	\$277,413.02
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Net Bonded Debt.....		\$771,086.98

## RECAPITULATION OF CITY DEBT

Municipal Notes.....		\$125,800.00
Net Bonded Debt.....		771,086.98
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Total Net Debt Dec. 31, 1925.....		896,886.98
Total Net Debt Dec. 31, 1924.....		827,912.75
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Increase 1925.....		\$68,974.23
Decrease in Sinking Funds.....	\$111,299.23	
Less Decrease in Bonds.....	45,000.00	
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	\$66,299.23	
Plus Increase in Notes.....	2,675.00	
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Total Increase.....	\$68,974.23	

## CASH ACCOUNT FOR 1925

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1924.....		\$196,121.27
Receipts:		
January.....	\$53,688.94	
February.....	106,032.01	
March.....	58,308.20	
April.....	144,082.16	
May.....	254,121.32	
June.....	163,180.27	
July.....	281,790.83	
August.....	159,238.46	
September.....	60,000.92	
October.....	580,052.24	
November.....	209,615.26	
December.....	283,763.95	\$2,353,874.56
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		\$2,549,995.83



## Payments:

January.....	\$55,200.72	
February.....	75,626.68	
March.....	184,613.66	
April.....	167,680.60	
May.....	111,434.75	
June.....	233,723.68	
July.....	192,450.49	
August.....	156,203.12	
September.....	167,247.41	
October.....	306,057.23	
November.....	383,438.15	
December.....	259,615.02	\$2,293,291.51

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1925	\$256,704.32
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## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

## Receipts:

Transfers from sundry accounts.....	\$50,807.73
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## Charges:

Budget appropriation.....	\$50,289.84	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	517.89	
	\$50,807.73	\$50,807.73

## EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....	\$22,255.28
Balances transferred from sundry accounts.....	11,099.06

## Charges:

Budget Appropriation.....	\$7,500.00	
Sundry transfer orders.....	10,477.03	
Balance to 1926.....	15,377.31	
	\$33,354.34	\$33,354.34

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## Assets:

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1925.....	\$256,704.32	
Uncollected accounts.....	504,823.50	
Invested in Public Buildings Land, Parks and other property.....	1,846,259.74	
Invested in Sinking Funds.....	277,413.02	
Invested in Sewerage System.....	648,585.82	
Invested in Surface Drainage System..	317,923.15	
Invested in Water System.....	639,109.60	\$4,490,819.15

## Liabilities:

Municipal Debt Bonds.....	\$1,048,500.00	
Municipal Debt Notes.....	125,800.00	
Trust Funds Uninvested.....	14,711.00	
Revenue Loans.....	400,000.00	\$1,589,011.00
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Assets exceed Liabilities.....		\$2,901,808.15

## REVENUE

Taxes 1920—Balance from 1924.....	\$1,210.61	
Takings.....	\$1,038.42	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925..		\$172.19
Taxes 1922—Balance from 1924.....	\$9,793.52	
Collected and Abated 1925.....	8,210.23	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925..		\$1,583.29
Taxes 1923—Balance from 1924.....	\$64,236.37	
Collected and Abated 1925.....	54,814.11	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925..		\$9,422.26
Taxes 1924—Balance from 1924.....	\$294,600.65	
Collected and Abated 1925..	255,418.05	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925..		39,182.60
Taxes 1925—Assessor's Warrant.....	\$937,627.94	
Additional Warrant.....	1,190.30	
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	\$938,818.24	
Collected and Abated 1925..	606,330.77	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925..		\$332,487.47

## Tax Titles and Takings

Balance from 1924.....	\$13,995.31	
Additional.....	8,055.17	
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	\$22,050.48	
Collected 1925.....	3,926.35	
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Uncollected Dec.31, 1925.....		\$18,124.13

## CITY OF MELROSE

## Real Estate Taken by City

Balance from 1924.....	\$6,496.36	
Additional.....	4,406.92	
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	\$10,903.28	
Collected 1925.....	20.48	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$10,882.80

## STREET SPRINKLING ASSESSMENTS

1920—Balance from 1924.....		\$ .16
1921—Balance from 1924.....	\$323.02	
Takings 1925.....	214.80	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$108.22
1923—Balance from 1924.....	\$57.63	
Collected 1925.....	47.98	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$9.65

## SEWER ASSESSMENTS

1918—Balance from 1924.....		\$551.36
1920—Balance from 1924.....		8.82
1921—Balance from 1924.....	\$69.87	
Collected 1925.....	20.84	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$49.03
1922—Balance from 1924.....	\$287.72	
Collected 1925.....	52.99	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$234.73
1923 to		
1934—Balance from 1924.....	\$21,702.89	
Additional Assessments.....	8,153.70	
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	\$29,856.59	
Collected and Apportioned 1925	9,765.81	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$20,090.78

## SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS

1920—Balance from 1924.....	\$113.63	
Collected 1925.....	80.26	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$33.37
1921—Balance from 1924.....	\$122.83	
Takings 1925.....	9.22	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$113.61
1922—Balance from 1924.....	\$504.09	
Takings, 1925.....	8.85	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$495.24
1923 to		
1934—Balance from 1924.....	\$24,675.31	
Additional Assessments 1925.....	19,692.79	
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	\$44,368.10	
Collected or Apportioned 1925.....	10,266.51	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$34,101.59

## STREET BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS

1920—Balance from 1924.....		\$31.59
1921—Balance from 1924.....	\$767.12	
Collected 1925.....	270.95	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$496.17
1922—Balance from 1924.....	\$1,366.10	
Collected 1925.....	20.42	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$1,345.68
1923 to		
1934—Balance from 1924.....	\$21,926.90	
Additional Assessments 1925.....	1,699.63	
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	\$23,626.53	
Collected or Apportioned 1925.....	4,609.65	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$19,016.88

## WATER RATES

1919—Balance from 1924.....		\$146.67
1920—Balance from 1924.....		605.07
1921—Balance from 1924.....		906.62
1922—Balance from 1924.....	\$43.46	
Collected 1925.....	10.47	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$32.99
1923—Balance from 1924.....	\$1,140.91	
Collected 1925.....	143.48	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$997.43
1924—Balance from 1924.....	\$1,728.51	
Commitments 1925.....	9,992.20	
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	\$11,720.71	
Collected 1925.....	11,004.10	
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Uncollected Dec. 31, 1925.....		\$716.61
1925—Commitment.....	\$62,966.05	
Collected 1925.....	51,754.56	
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Uncollected Dec 31, 1925.....		11,211.49

## WATER INCOME

## Receipts:

From Water Rates.....	\$62,912.59	
From Summons.....	109.00	\$63,021.59
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## Payments:

Balance from 1924.....	\$113.56	
Appropriations.....	38,000.00	
Interest on Bonds.....	4,722.50	
Metropolitan Water Charges.....	25,157.89	
Refunds.....	143.36	
Balance to 1926.....		\$5,115.72
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	\$68,137.31	\$68,137.31

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Balance Dec. 31, 1924.....	\$1,880.50	
Pay Rolls, State Aid.....	1,536.00	
Pay Rolls, Military Aid.....	15.00	
Soldiers' Burial.....	120.00	
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	\$3,551.50	
Cash received from Commonwealth.....	1,886.50	\$1,665.00
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## Commissioner of Taxes

## Income Tax Collected by Commonwealth

Balance from 1924.....		\$6,536.89
Cash from Commonwealth.....		72,293.60
Assessors' Warrant.....	\$60,953.60	
Budget Appropriation.....	6,536.89	
Balance Dec. 31, 1925.....	11,340.00	
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	\$78,830.49	\$78,830.49

## Grants and Gifts

Receipts:		
From Middlesex County (Dog Tax)....		\$1,601.54
Payments:		
Transferred to Revenue 1925.....	\$1,506.63	
Balance Dec. 31, 1925.....	94.91	
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	\$1,601.54	\$1,601.54

## Bank and Corporation Tax

Receipts:		
From Commonwealth.....		\$18,305.39
Payments:		
Refunds to Commonwealth.....	\$48.30	
Transferred to Highway Division.....	1,037.75	
Transferred to Estimated Receipts.....	17,219.34	
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	\$18,305.39	\$18,305.39

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## ALDERMEN—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$950.00
Expended:		
Salary of Clerk of Committees.....	\$950.00	
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	\$950.00	\$950.00



## Other Expenses

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$1,200.00
Sale of desks.....	20.00

## Expended:

Serving notices.....	\$41.50	
Stationery, printing, postage and advertising.....	304.92	
Telephone.....	22.64	
Repairs to furniture.....	16.15	
Framing and engrossing resolutions.....	54.00	
Flowers.....	65.00	
Printing Particular Account.....	69.00	
Gavel, and silver band and engraving on same.....	13.74	
Notary seal, commission and fee.....	12.00	
Printing zoning ordinances.....	21.00	
Miscellaneous.....	17.46	
Transfer order No. 16901.....	28.08	
Transfer order No. 15963.....	75.00	
Transfer to estimated receipts.....	20.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	459.51	
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	\$1,220.00	\$1,220.00

## Purchase of Loose Leaf Binder

## Receipts:

Transfer order No. 16901.....	\$28.08
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## Expended:

Cost of binder.....	\$28.08	
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	\$28.08	\$28.08

## MAYOR—Salaries and Wages

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,040.00
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## Expended:

Overdraft from 1924.....	\$ .01	
Salary of Mayor.....	\$1,000.00	
Salary of Clerk.....	\$1,027.62	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	12.37	
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	\$2,040.00	\$2,040.00

**Other Expenses**

## Receipts:

Appropriation . . . . .	\$500.00
Sale of typewriter . . . . .	67.50
Cash receipts . . . . .	.65
Transfer order No. 17147 . . . . .	40.00

## Expended:

Stationery, printing and advertising . . .	\$189.43	
Postage . . . . .	30.00	
Telephone . . . . .	96.32	
Furniture and furnishings . . . . .	102.50	
Flowers . . . . .	39.00	
Clerical services . . . . .	60.00	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	48.95	
Bills contracted but not paid . . . . .	33.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency . . . . .	8.95	
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	\$608.15	\$608.15

**Inaugural 1925**

## Receipts:

Transfer order No. 15824 . . . . .	\$150.00
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## Expended:

Music . . . . .	\$81.60	
Programs and invitations . . . . .	29.75	
Postage, flowers and miscellaneous . . . . .	20.49	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency . . . . .	18.16	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

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## Receipts:

Balance from 1924 . . . . .		\$35.80
Balance to 1926 . . . . .	35.80	
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	\$35.80	\$35.

**Plans and Specifications for Addition to City Hall**

## Receipts:

Transfer order No. 15969 . . . . .	\$150.00
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## Expended:

Chas. R. Greco---Architectural services . .	\$150.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

## AUDITOR—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$4,075.00
Expended:		
Salary of Auditor.....	\$2,500.00	
Salary of clerk.....	1,565.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	10.00	
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	\$4,075.00	\$4,075.00

## Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$325.00
Expended:		
Printing, stationery, supplies, etc.....	\$220.51	
Furniture and fixtures.....	51.23	
Telephone.....	29.81	
Postage.....	12.00	
Miscellaneous.....	5.20	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	6.25	
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	\$325.00	\$325.00

## TREASURER—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$3,864.00
Expended:		
Salary of Treasurer.....	\$2,200.00	
Salary of clerk.....	1,664.00	
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	\$3,864.00	\$3,864.00

## Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$600.00
Transfer order No. 17048.....		125.00
Expended:		
Printing, stationery and supplies.....	\$252.08	
Postage.....	126.62	
Official bonds.....	200.00	
Travelling expenses.....	24.47	
Telephone.....	37.26	
Clerical assistance.....	15.33	
Subscription to Boston News Bureau..	18.00	
Use of car.....	7.00	
Miscellaneous.....	12.23	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	32.01	
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	\$725.00	\$725.00

**Administration of Invested Funds**

Receipts:		
Appropriation .....		\$200.00
Expended:		
Salary of Treasurer of Sinking Funds...	\$200.00	
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	\$200.00	\$200.00

**Certification of Bonds and Notes**

Receipts:		
Balance from 1924 .....		\$58.69
Appropriation .....		1,350.00
Transfer order No. 17102 .....		76.81
Expended:		
Paid to Old Colony Trust Co. ....	\$1,485.50	
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	\$1,485.50	\$1,485.50

**COLLECTOR—Salaries and Wages**

Receipts:		
Appropriation .....		\$4,836.00
Expended:		
Salary of Collector .....	\$2,400.00	
Salary of Clerks .....	2,423.09	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency .....	12.91	\$4,836.00
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	\$4836.00	\$4,836.00

**Other Expenses**

Receipts:		
Appropriation .....		\$1,200.00
Expended:		
Printing, stationery, advertising, etc. ....	\$364.71	
Recording takings .....	90.72	
Official Bond .....	262.18	
Telephone .....	30.46	
Postage .....	122.32	
Distributing tax bills .....	130.00	
Furniture and fixtures .....	67.00	
Clerical assistance .....	114.00	
Miscellaneous .....	8.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency .....	10.61	
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	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

## CITY OF MELROSE

**ASSESSORS—Salaries and Wages**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$4,775.00
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## Expended:

Salary of Assessors.....	\$1,500.00	
Salary of Assistant Assessors.....	375.00	
Salary of clerk.....	1,900.00	
Other clerical services.....	996.67	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	3.33	
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	\$4,775.00	\$4,775.00

**Other Expenses**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$1,500.00
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## Expended:

Printing, stationery, advertising and supplies.....	\$262.11	
Telephone.....	30.31	
Clerical assistants.....	106.90	
Postage.....	31.78	
Abstracts of deeds and transfers.....	140.20	
Travelling expenses.....	2.80	
Printing Poll Books.....	633.66	
Use of auto.....	150.00	
Furniture and fixtures.....	92.00	
Posting notices.....	5.00	
Miscellaneous.....	7.57	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	11.25	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	26.42	
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	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

**CITY CLERK—Salaries and Wages**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$3,150.00
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## Expended:

Salary of City Clerk.....	\$2,150.00	
Salary of Assistant City Clerk.....	1,000.00	
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	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00



# ADDENDUM

Year	Census	Dwell-ings	Polls	Value Buildings	Value Land	Total Val. Real Estate	Value Personal Estate	Total Valua- tion	Rate per \$1,000	City Appro- priation	Sewer- age Tax	Park Tax	State Tax	County Tax	Overlay	Total Tax Levy	Year
1900	12,715	3,237	3,650	\$7,582,525	\$4,398,150	\$11,980,675	\$797,690	\$12,778,365	\$18.00	\$199,837.41	\$9,341.01	.....	\$6,645.00	\$11,357.11	\$9,540.04	\$237,310.57	1900
1901	12,781	3,248	3,711	7,610,850	5,993,025	13,603,875	1,286,890	14,890,765	16.20	206,635.82	9,727.23	.....	7,473.50	13,388.55	*11,463.29	248,652.39	1901
1902	13,369	3,280	3,931	7,781,400	5,927,575	13,708,975	1,656,505	15,365,480	17.20	237,107.27	10,561.31	\$1,977.83	6,375.00	13,365.83	2,861.15	272,148.26	1902
1903	13,641	3,312	4,052	7,865,250	5,915,375	13,780,625	1,397,005	15,177,630	18.00	237,087.74	10,808.84	5,169.59	10,625.00	13,917.89	3,692.28	281,301.34	1903
1904	14,021	3,319	4,137	7,945,700	5,867,625	13,813,325	1,424,530	15,237,855	17.40	225,093.32	11,744.15	5,696.87	11,625.00	15,716.05	3,627.28	273,412.67	1904
1905	14,559	3,334	4,235	8,020,150	5,845,800	13,865,950	1,463,745	15,329,695	18.00	227,044.58	12,077.04	5,922.31	18,600.00	15,272.57	5,488.01	284,404.51	1905
1906	14,572	3,363	4,235	8,131,450	5,787,100	13,918,550	1,559,330	15,477,880	17.80	229,066.55	12,222.49	6,183.01	16,275.00	16,188.40	4,100.81	283,976.26	1906
1907	14,860	3,382	4,318	8,288,850	5,781,500	14,070,350	1,664,060	15,734,410	17.00	219,753.24	9,264.95	7,183.32	18,000.00	15,880.08	6,038.36	276,120.97	1907
1908	15,122	3,393	4,344	8,450,675	5,788,475	14,239,150	1,733,810	15,972,960	18.50	234,100.42	14,397.93	7,868.56	*19.75	15,606.50	7,444.60	304,187.76	1908
1909	15,246	3,416	4,438	8,627,425	5,775,725	14,403,150	1,746,675	16,149,825	19.30	250,100.51	13,567.95	8,158.34	24,750.00	17,250.17	11,220.90	320,567.62	1909
1910	15,735	3,447	4,490	8,865,325	5,771,450	14,636,775	1,827,090	16,463,865	19.40	255,567.13	14,834.95	8,494.76	*19.75	16,478.32	9,221.31	328,378.98	1910
1911	16,118	3,503	4,515	9,164,225	5,757,450	14,921,675	1,975,950	16,897,625	20.40	276,517.13	15,496.52	11,634.39	23,760.00	15,170.07	7,067.28	353,741.55	1911
1912	16,241	3,564	4,596	9,452,650	5,757,150	15,209,800	2,213,000	17,422,800	20.40	283,731.71	15,804.48	*4,076.16	27,000.00	14,860.33	12,466.03	364,517.12	1912
1913	16,612	3,611	4,620	9,791,425	5,791,425	15,582,850	2,420,900	18,003,750	20.40	289,544.80	17,103.24	9,412.75	32,640.00	16,466.40	7,316.90	376,511.91	1913
1914	17,037	3,674	4,685	10,144,550	5,816,700	15,961,250	2,606,080	18,567,330	21.70	316,917.47	17,437.18	*1,323.37	35,700.00	19,577.92	10,154.95	412,281.06	1914
1915	17,096	3,748	4,850	10,494,300	5,823,300	16,317,600	2,623,780	18,941,380	23.70	359,106.29	17,201.57	10,262.39	39,780.00	20,682.55	9,236.85	458,610.70	1915
1916	17,317	3,864	4,949	10,957,650	5,891,700	16,849,350	2,795,800	19,645,150	22.00	350,771.03	16,153.54	*1,655.79	40,790.00	20,650.93	12,008.66	442,091.30	1916
1917	17,275	3,958	5,061	11,326,050	5,916,700	17,242,750	1,530,000	18,772,750	23.40	379,561.18	17,657.22	1,731.04	43,450.00	19,871.65	14,833.40	449,404.35	1917
1918	17,353	3,964	5,043	11,519,250	5,912,150	17,431,400	1,644,975	19,076,375	23.40	413,680.07	18,851.06	10,464.99	43,450.00	21,532.85	11,719.08	522,252.43	1918
1919	18,114	3,973	5,169	12,203,650	6,048,425	18,252,075	1,951,500	20,203,575	26.20	488,671.38	18,714.38	1,974.84	45,474.00	22,040.33	8,045.26	597,830.22	1919
1920	18,371	3,981	4,585	12,799,450	6,079,350	18,878,800	2,206,600	21,085,400	29.50	569,876.17	19,111.76	10,597.62	47,174.00	23,923.39	9,098.07	708,821.41	1920
1921	18,670	4,010	4,661	13,453,550	6,417,750	19,871,300	2,606,050	22,477,350	30.80	623,903.04	23,447.16	2,007.80	57,174.00	24,040.33	10,697.21	777,502.38	1921
1922	18,964	4,048	5,424	14,017,500	6,469,050	20,486,550	2,617,950	23,104,500	32.66	684,835.78	21,359.60	12,182.89	*2,177.13	24,576.48	13,983.00	*61,895.00	1922
1923	19,368	4,106	5,492	16,198,650	6,570,350	22,769,000	2,710,800	25,479,800	30.80	715,248.68	23,547.37	1,621.29	46,560.00	20,795.85	19,182.61	834,826.70	1923
1924	20,197	4,208	5,658	17,404,450	6,823,800	24,228,250	2,978,700	27,206,950	30.60	772,887.24	22,848.59	2,213.39	46,560.00	16,476.00	20,646.66	*59,422.80	1924
1925	20,302	4,311	5,815	18,699,000	6,875,500	25,574,500	3,183,200	28,757,700	32.20	850,764.17	25,330.96	15,293.01	47,040.00	17,848.88	22,334.41	998,581.50	1925
												2,388.03	568.00	249.83	223.34	*61,142.90	
												17,142.06	47,040.00	35,829.68	17,848.88	998,581.50	
												843.09	629.87	254.72	66.39	*60,953.60	
												*2,593.26			237.26		

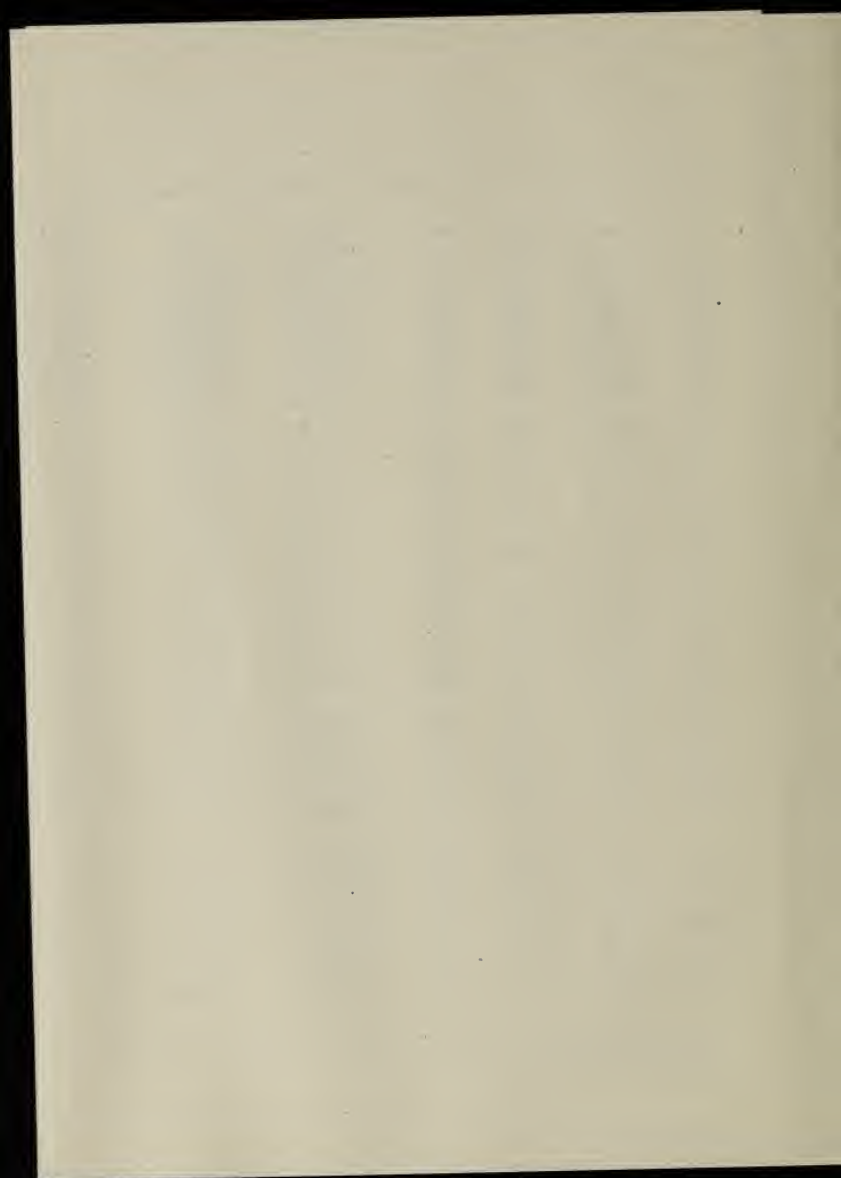
\*Less Income Tax

\*Charles River Basin

†State Highway.

Miscellaneous Estimated Receipts.





## Other Expenses

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$700.00
Cash receipts.....	12.25
Cash refund.....	9.76
Transfer Order No. 16862.....	175.00

## Expended:

Official bond.....	\$8.00
Clerical services.....	292.50
Furniture and furnishings.....	42.67
Carfares and court expenses.....	4.82
Books, stationery, printing, etc.....	225.01
Telephone.....	76.58
Postage.....	51.17
Posting notices.....	3.00
Desks and chairs, Order No. 16862....	175.00
Miscellaneous.....	15.99
Transfer.....	.48
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	1.79
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	\$897.01
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	\$897.01

## Purchase of Multigraph and Typewriter

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$634.00
Transfer from Other Expenses.....	.48

## Expended:

Multigraph and parts.....	\$305.22
Typewriter.....	102.50
Files.....	226.76
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	\$634.48
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	\$634.48

## CITY SOLICITOR—Salaries and Wages

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$1,000.00
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## Expended:

Salary of Solicitor.....	\$1,000.00
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	\$1,000.00
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	\$1,000.00

## Other Expenses

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$175.00
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## Expended:

Printing, stationery and supplies. . . . .	\$30.15	
Postage. . . . .	5.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. . . . .	139.85	
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	\$175.00	\$175.00

## CITY PHYSICIAN—Salaries and Wages

## Receipts:

Appropriation. . . . .		\$630.00
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## Expended:

Salary of City Physician. . . . .	\$630.00	
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	\$630.00	\$630.00

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION—Salaries and Wages

## Receipts:

Appropriation. . . . .		\$400.00
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## Expended:

Salaries of Registrars. . . . .	\$400.00	
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	\$400.00	\$400.00

## Other Expenses

## Receipts:

Appropriation. . . . .		\$250.00
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## Expended:

Clerical services. . . . .	\$135.25	
Advertising, printing, stationery, etc. . . . .	39.01	
Furniture and furnishings. . . . .	30.00	
Postage. . . . .	30.48	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. . . . .	15.26	
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	\$250.00	\$250.00

## Special Election June 1925

## Receipts:

Appropriation. . . . .		\$880.00
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## Expended

Salary of election officers. . . . .	\$442.50	
Salary of police officers. . . . .	43.20	
Clerical services. . . . .	47.50	
Janitors' services. . . . .	30.00	

Advertising, printing, stationery and supplies.....	94.77	
Postage.....	150.48	
Rent of polling places.....	10.00	
Posting notices.....	19.00	
Transportation of booths and boxes....	35.00	
Miscellaneous.....	6.70	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	.85	
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	\$880.00	\$880.00

**CITY PLANNING BOARD—Other Expenses**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$150.00
Expended:		
Stationery, printing, postage and supplies.....	\$48.50	
Membership fees.....	25.00	
Expenses to conventions.....	60.50	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	5.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	11.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**BOARD OF SURVEY—Other Expenses**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$100.00
Expended:		
Clerical work.....	\$4.17	
Printing.....	1.44	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	94.39	
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	\$100.00	\$100.00

**FENCE VIEWERS—Other Expenses**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$50.00
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	\$50.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

**GARAGE COMMISSION—Other Expenses**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$125.00
Transfer Order No. 16986.....		75.00

## Expended:

Stationery, printing and supplies. . . . .	\$40.01	
Clerical services. . . . .	100.00	
Postage. . . . .	59.98	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. . . . .	.01	
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	\$200.00	\$200.00

**BOARD OF APPEAL—Other Expenses**

## Receipts:

Appropriation. . . . .	\$275.00
Cash refund. . . . .	3.00

## Expended:

Advertising. . . . .	\$28.13	
Postage. . . . .	20.56	
Stationery and supplies. . . . .	36.12	
Salary of clerk. . . . .	100.00	
Office equipment. . . . .	68.75	
Travelling expenses. . . . .	.92	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. . . . .	23.52	
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	\$278.00	\$278.00

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

(For details see report of Public Works Department)

**PUBLIC WORKS—Salaries and Wages**

## Receipts:

Appropriation. . . . .	\$14,000.00
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## Expended:

Salary of Engineer and Superintendent	\$3,958.33	
Clerical assistants. . . . .	9,970.35	
Bills paid. . . . .	4.70	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. . . . .	66.62	
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	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00

**Other Expenses**

## Receipts:

Appropriation. . . . .	\$1,750.00
Cash refund. . . . .	3.38

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## Expended:

Overdraft from 1924 . . . . .	\$25.61	
Pay rolls . . . . .	13.66	
Bills paid and transfer bills . . . . .	1,680.33	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency . . . . .	33.78	
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	\$1,753.38	\$1,753.38

## Vacations

## Receipts:

Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,448.00
Transfer Order No. 17096 . . . . .	106.72

## Expended:

Pay Rolls . . . . .	\$4,554.72	
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	\$4,554.72	\$4,554.72

## ENGINEERS—Salaries and Wages

## Receipts:

Appropriation . . . . .	\$6,500.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls . . . . .	\$5,862.92	
Bills paid . . . . .	47.79	
Transfer Order No. 17144 . . . . .	550.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency . . . . .	39.29	
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	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00

## Other Expenses

## Receipts:

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,150.00
Transfer Order No. 17095 . . . . .	83.48

## Expended:

Pay Rolls . . . . .	\$189.76	
Bills paid and transfer bills . . . . .	1,043.72	
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	\$1,233.48	\$1,233.48

## CITY HALL—Salaries and Wages

## Receipts:

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,050.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls . . . . .	\$2,995.12	
Bills paid . . . . .	31.77	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency . . . . .	23.11	
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	\$3,050.00	\$3,050.00



**Other Expenses**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$4,500.00
Cash refund.....	3.98
Transfer Order No. 17095.....	152.45

## Expended:

Overdraft from 1924.....	\$22.55	
Pay Rolls.....	15.11	
Bills paid and transfer bills.....	4,600.85	
Bills contracted but not paid.....	7.49	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	10.43	
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	\$4,656.43	\$4,656.43

**Alterations for Aldermanic Chamber**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....	\$10,000.00
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## Expended:

Transfer to City Hall Extension.....	\$10,000.00	
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	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Alterations and Repairs**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$8,000.00
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## Expended:

Bills paid and transfer bills.....	\$7,799.46	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	200.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	.54	
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	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00

**AUDITORIUM—Salaries and Wages**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,500.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls.....	\$1,900.84	
Transfer Order No. 17161.....	500.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	99.16	
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

**Other Expenses**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$3,500.00
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## Expended:

Postage, advertising and supplies.....	\$38.11
Fuel.....	402.58
Light.....	269.72
Telephone.....	39.15
Electrical fixtures and repairs.....	7.45
Roofing repairs.....	747.27
Other repairs.....	183.15
Clerical services.....	156.00
Loan of canvas.....	50.00
Purchase of furnace.....	35.00
Water rates 1925.....	47.02
Flags and poles.....	35.00
Framing oil painting.....	\$22.00
Miscellaneous.....	25.99
Transfer Order No. 17161.....	1,400.00
Bill contracted but not paid.....	2.40
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	39.16

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\$3,500.00

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\$3,500.00**Repairs to Building**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....		6,235.00
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## Expended:

Paid to J. R. Worcester Co.....	\$362.50
Paid to Chas. R. Gow Co.....	4,480.00
Paid to Obelisk Roofing Co.....	1,392.50

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\$6,235.00

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\$6,235.00**Repairs after Construction**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$10,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17161.....		1,900.00

## Expended:

Moving organ.....	\$774.50
Electrical repairs.....	23.50
Advertising.....	13.50
Balance to 1926.....	11,088.50

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\$11,900.00

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\$11,900.00

## PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

## POLICE DEPARTMENT—Salaries and Wages

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$42,977.91
Transfer Order No. 16898.....	50.00

## Expended:

Pay Rolls.....	\$42,543.46
Transfer Order No. 17085.....	400.00
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	84.45
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	\$43,027.91
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	\$43,027.91

## Equipment and Repairs

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$700.55
Transfer Order No. 17085.....	266.00
Cash refund.....	23.94

## Expended:

Auto parts and repairs.....	\$351.76
Oil and gas.....	302.15
Supplies.....	334.58
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	2.00
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	\$990.49
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	\$990.49

## Other Expenses

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$1,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17085.....	200.00

## Expended:

Printing, stationery, advertising, etc....	\$471.60
Telephone.....	275.43
Furniture and furnishings.....	47.55
Use of Y. M. C. A.....	150.00
Postage.....	16.28
Chauffeurs' licenses.....	28.00
Storage and labor on recovered Chevrolet.....	24.50
Expense getting liquor evidence.....	52.00
Expenses to convention.....	104.00
Miscellaneous.....	19.42
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	11.22
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	\$1,200.00
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	\$1,200.00

**Signal Box Maintenance**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$1,400.00
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## Expended:

Pay roll.....	\$194.00	
Parts, repairs and stock on system.....	471.33	
Garage rent.....	35.00	
Repairs and parts on auto.....	7.63	
Freight and express.....	11.11	
Team hire.....	84.00	
Oil and gas.....	30.60	
One half cost of new Ford car.....	161.00	
Insurance.....	28.50	
Police boxes.....	352.81	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	24.02	
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	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00

**Police Ambulance Fund**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....	\$11.66
Cash receipts.....	30.00

## Expended:

Parts and repairs.....	\$8.00	
Bedding.....	9.00	
Balance to 1926.....	24.66	
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	\$41.66	\$41.66

**Purchase of Automobile**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$1,030.00
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## Expended:

Cost of new Buick.....	\$1,025.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	5.00	
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	\$1,030.00	\$1,030.00

**Purchase of Uniforms**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,300.00
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**Expended:**

Badges.....	\$160.50	
Caps.....	57.00	
Overcoats and dresscoats.....	1,459.20	
Blouses, trousers and one traffic uniform	622.70	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	.60	
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	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00

**Purchase of Motorcycle****Receipts:**

Appropriation.....		\$401.50
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**Expended:**

Paid for motorcycle.....	\$401.50	
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	\$401.50	\$401.50

**Mechanician****Receipts:**

Appropriation.....		\$400.00
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**Expended:**

Salary.....	\$333.33	
Transfer Order No. 17085.....	66.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	.67	
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	\$400.00	\$400.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT—Salaries and Wages****Receipts:**

Appropriation.....		\$46,455.00
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**Expended:**

Pay Rolls.....	\$45,750.56	
Transfer Order No. 17083.....	300.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	404.44	
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	\$46,455.00	\$46,455.00

**Fuel and Light****Receipts:**

Appropriation.....		\$1,800.00
Transfer Order No. 17083.....		300.00

## Expended:

Fuel.....	\$1,396.85	
Light.....	231.41	
Gas and oil.....	461.92	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	9.82	
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	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00

## Equipment and Repairs

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,000.00
Cash refund.....	15.92

## Expended:

Truck parts and repairs.....	\$972.69	
Equipment, tools and supplies.....	874.94	
Lettering and parts on new Buick.....	139.60	
Miscellaneous.....	1.52	
Transfer Order No. 17250.....	24.01	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	3.16	
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	\$2,015.92	\$2,015.92

## Repairs on Buildings

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$1,100.00
Transfer Order No. 17250.....	24.01

## Expended:

Plumbing and steamfitting supplies and repairs.....	\$217.81	
Electrical parts and repairs.....	53.38	
Plastering.....	22.00	
Water rates 1925.....	73.36	
Lumber, stone hardware and supplies.....	523.63	
Circular stairway and lally column.....	233.83	
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	\$1,124.01	\$1,124.01

## Other Expenses

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$1,400.00
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## Expended:

Bedding.....	\$81.27	
Laundry.....	150.09	
Stationery, printing, advertising and supplies.....	85.92	
Telephone .....	206.58	
Chauffeurs' licenses.....	42.00	
Freight and express.....	33.47	
Stock and equipment.....	746.98	
Furniture and fixtures.....	20.50	
Expenses to convention.....	14.65	
Miscellaneous.....	5.83	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	12.71	
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	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00

## Purchase of Hose

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$900.00
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## Expended:

New hose and couplings.....	\$892.65	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	7.35	
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	\$900.00	\$900.00

## Purchase of Chief's Car

## Receipts:

Appropriation. ....	\$1,390.00
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## Expended:

Cost of Buick car.....	\$1,390.00	
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	\$1,390.00	\$1,390.00

## Fire Alarm Boxes and Equipment on Outside of All School Buildings

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$3,000.00
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## Expended:

Freight and express.....	\$21.95	
Equipment and supplies.....	2,561.30	
Balance to 1926.....	416.75	
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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

**Fire Alarm Maintenance**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$3,000.00
Cash refund (claim).....	86.00

## Expended:

Pay Rolls.....	\$848.30	
Stock, equipment and repairs on system	1,454.83	
Auto parts and repairs.....	116.03	
Telephone.....	45.36	
Light.....	6.50	
Tools and miscellaneous supplies.....	61.05	
Oscillating fan.....	30.00	
Auto and team hire.....	182.00	
Garage rent.....	49.00	
Oil and gas.....	33.60	
One half cost of new Ford car.....	163.20	
Freight and express.....	12.47	
Insurance.....	28.50	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	55.16	
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	\$3,086.00	\$3,086.00

**Connecting Fire Alarm with Wakefield**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$350.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls.....	\$143.40	
Equipment and repairs.....	108.78	
Balance to 1926.....	97.82	
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	\$350.00	\$350.00

**Fire Alarm Box—Beech and Whitman Avenues**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$200.00
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## Expended:

Equipment.....	\$147.00	
Pay Roll.....	50.09	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	2.04	
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	\$200.00	\$200.00

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS—Salaries and Wages**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$900.00
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## Expended:

Salary of Building Inspector.....	\$600.00	
Clerical assistants.....	300.00	
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	\$900.00	\$900.00

**Other Expenses**

## Receipt:

Appropriation.....	\$100.00
Transfer order No. 17064.....	20.00

Printing, stationery, supplies etc.....	\$104.80	
Postage.....	14.80	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	.40	
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	\$120.00	\$120.00

**INSPECTOR OF WIRES—Salaries and Wages**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,000.00
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## Expended:

Salary of Inspector.....	\$2,000.00	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**Other Expenses**

## Receipt:

Appropriation.....	\$125.00
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## Expended:

Stationery, printing, supplies etc. ....	\$20.60	
Telephone.....	45.95	
Bills contracted but not paid.....	12.25	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	46.20	
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	\$125.00	\$125.00

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—Salaries and Wages**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$1,000.00
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## Expended:

Salary of Sealer.....	\$1,000.00	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

## Other Expenses

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$237.05
Transfer order No. 17103.....	14.83

## Expended:

Taking out and moving 20-ton scale...	\$60.34	
Printing, stationery and supplies.....	25.43	
Use of car.....	78.00	
Plates and badges.....	21.66	
Express.....	7.78	
Graduates and weights.....	45.79	
Miscellaneous.....	10.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	2.88	
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	\$251.88	\$251.88

## FORESTRY—Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,000.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls.....	\$1,447.26	
Oil and gas.....	6.91	
Labor and use of spraying apparatus	579.90	
Liability Insurance.....	29.72	
Garage rent.....	10.00	
Miscellaneous.....	5.50	\$2,079.29
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## Other Insect Pests

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,100.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls.....	\$2,093.25	
Truck part and repairs.....	11.25	
Oil and gas.....	5.99	
Supplies.....	32.16	
Liability insurance.....	26.54	\$2,169.19
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**Other Expenses****Receipts:**

Balance from 1924.....	\$20.00
Appropriation.....	450.00

**Expended:**

Printing, stationery and supplies.	\$1.20	
Oil and gas.....	61.14	
Clerical services.....	48.00	
Hardware and supplies.....	70.10	
Expenses to Convention of Super-		
intendents .....	3.44	
Truck part and repairs.....	67.41	
Pay Rolls.....	80.00	\$331.29

**Care of Trees in Highway****Receipts:**

Appropriation.....	\$4,500.00
Transfer order No. 17049.....	184.53

**Expended:**

Pay Rolls.....	\$3,863.75	
Use of truck.....	414.51	
Truck parts and repairs.....	54.06	
Liability insurance.....	79.83	
Stock and supplies.....	46.14	
Compensation on account of injuries	16.00	
Miscellaneous.....	2.75	
Transfer bills.....	114.27	
Transfer order No. 17095.....	83.48	\$4,674.79

**Planting New Trees****Receipts:**

Balance from 1924.....	\$3.00
Appropriation.....	500.00
Cash.....	252.00

**Expended:**

Pay Rolls.....	\$137.81	
Liability insurance.....	3.85	
Use of truck.....	13.41	
Stationery, printing and advertising	2.50	
Loam.....	56.00	
Labor and trees.....	342.00	
Transfer bills.....	14.90	
Transfer Order No. 17049.....	184.53	\$755.00

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Balance to 1926. ....		.03
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	\$10,009.56	\$10,009.56

## FORESTRY—Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth on Private Estates

### Receipts:

Appropriation. ....		\$50.00
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### Expended:

Pay Roll. ....	\$47.15	
Balance to Unpledged Revenue. ....	2.85	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

## Other Protection, Persons and Property—Dog Officer

### Receipts:

Middlesex County. ....		\$36.00
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### Expended:

Paid James Hanley for killing dogs. ....	\$36.00	
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	\$36.00	\$36.00

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT—General Administration

### Receipts:

Appropriation. ....		\$2,500.00
Transfer Order No. 17146. ....		25.00

### Expended:

Pay Rolls. ....	\$2,226.11	
Subscription to Medical Journal. ....	8.00	
Telephone. ....	84.91	
Postage. ....	30.15	
Travelling expenses. ....	10.78	
Use of car. ....	90.00	
Stationery, printing and supplies. ....	23.20	
Clerical services. ....	30.00	
Miscellaneous. ....	4.50	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. ....	17.35	
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	\$2,525.00	\$2,525.00

## Quarantine and Contagious Diseases

### Receipts:

Appropriation. ....		\$3,000.00
Cash. ....		227.75



## Expended:

Cash orders.....	\$30.00	
Hospital board and care.....	2,437.50	
Stationery, printing and advertising....	23.95	
Department of Public Welfare.....	457.00	
Fuel.....	8.40	
Medical supplies.....	19.41	
Use of car.....	90.00	
Balance to 1926.....	161.49	
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	\$3,227.75	\$3,227.75

## Tuberculosis

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,000.00
Cash.....	58.00

## Expended:

Cash orders.....	\$516.57	
Lakeville Sanatorium.....	418.94	
Town of Wakefield.....	60.08	
City of Boston.....	68.25	
City of Cambridge.....	262.50	
Rutland State Sanatorium.....	29.90	
Medical supplies.....	.80	
Use of car.....	90.00	
Balance to 1926.....	610.96	
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	\$2,058.00	\$2,058.00

## Vital Statistics

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$300.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls.....	78.25	
Returns of births 1924.....	.75	
Returns of births 1925.....	77.75	
Returns of deaths 1925.....	73.75	
Stationery, printing, postage and sup- plies.....	51.45	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	18.05	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

## Other Expenses

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$1,900.00
Cash.....	7.53

## Expended:

Salary of Plumbing Inspector.....	\$1,100.00	
Sanitary Inspector.....	20.83	
Express and trucking.....	6.10	
Burial of dead animals.....	109.50	
Medical supplies.....	11.15	
Printing, stationery, postage and supplies.....	134.52	
Inspector of Food Products.....	32.50	
Use of car.....	90.00	
Putting up contagious disease cards.....	150.00	
Miscellaneous.....	20.63	
Transfer Order No. 17146.....	25.00	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	1.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	206.30	
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	\$1,907.53	\$1,907.53

## Inspection of School Children

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$450.00
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## Expended:

Salary of Inspectors.....	\$375.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	75.00	
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	\$450.00	\$450.00

## Inspection of Animals and Slaughtering

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$200.00
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## Expended:

Salary of Inspector.....	\$200.00	
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	\$200.00	\$200.00

## Inspection of Milk and Vinegar

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$100.00
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## Expended:

Salary of Inspector.....	\$100.00	
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	\$100.00	\$100.00

## CITY OF MELROSE

## Inspector of Milk Analysis

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$400.00
Expended:		
Salary of Inspector.....	\$400.00	
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	\$400.00	\$400.00

## Public Health Nurse

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$700.00
Expended:		
Salary of Nurse.....	\$700.00	
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	\$700.00	\$700.00

## Inspection of Food Products

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$114.00
Expended:		
Salary of Inspector.....	\$114.00	
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	\$114.00	\$114.00

## SANITATION

## Sewer Division—Maintenance

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$2,200.00
Cash.....		1.38
Expended:		
Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$1,800.68	
Transfer Order No. 17095.....	298.25	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	102.45	
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	\$2,201.38	\$2,201.38

## Construction—Budget Appropriation

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$7,000.00
Expended:		
Transfer to Construction—Non-Rev- enue.....	\$7,000.00	
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	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00

## Surface Drainage—Maintenance

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$4,000.00
Transfer order No. 17062.....		1,000.00
Transfer order No. 17095.....		298.25
Expended:		
Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$5,298.25	
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	\$5,298.25	\$5,298.25

## Construction—Budget Appropriation

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$7,000.00
Expended		
Transfer Order No.16709.....	\$2,000.00	
Transfer to Construction—Non-Rev- enue.....	5,000.00	
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	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00

## Collection of Ashes and Rubbish

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$12,718.00
Transfer Order No. 17095.....		786.38
Transfer Order No. 17186.....		207.63
Expended:		
Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$13,712.01	
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	\$13,712.01	\$13,712.01

## Refuse and Garbage Disposal

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$14,593.00
Transfer Order No.17186.....		13.28
Transfer Order No. 17095.....		357.02
Cash.....		6.50
Expended:		
Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$14,969.80	
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	\$14,969.80	\$14,969.80

## Street Cleaning

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$4,500.00
Transfer Order No. 17144.....		420.00

## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$4,912.22	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	7.78	
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	\$4,920.00	\$4,920.00

## Cleaning Brooks

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$5,000.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$3,843.27	
Transfer Order No. 17062.....	1,000.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	156.73	
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	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

## New Equipment

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$800.00
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## Expended:

Cost of tractor and parts.....	\$796.05	
Freight and express.....	3.95	
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	\$800.00	\$800.00

## HIGHWAYS—General Administration

## Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17006.....		\$29.99
Overdraft from 1924.....	\$29.99	
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	\$29.99	\$29.99

## Repairing

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....		\$838.06
Appropriation.....		40,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17049.....		4,500.00
Street Railway Tax.....		1,037.75
Cash—Sealer of Weights and Measures		43.92
Auditorium Department.....		43.29
Moth Department.....		8.95
Cemetery Department.....		38.46
Fourth of July Committee.....		64.80
Other sources.....		774.69

## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid. . . . .	\$46,267.99	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. . . . .	44.18	
Balance to 1926. . . . .	1,037.75	
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	\$47,349.92	\$47,349.92

**Construction—Budget Appropriation**

## Receipts:

Appropriation. . . . .		\$7,000.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid. . . . .	\$6,991.23	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. . . . .	8.77	
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	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00

**Purchase and Taking Land—Trenton Street**

## Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17107. . . . .		\$1,600.00
Balance to 1926. . . . .	\$16,000.00	
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	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00

**Individual Walks**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924. . . . .		\$1,345.33
Appropriation. . . . .		1,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17008. . . . .		2,843.00
Estimates received. . . . .		6,372.73

## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid. . . . .	\$8,885.82	
Estimates refunded. . . . .	119.72	
Balance to 1926. . . . .	2,555.52	
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	\$11,561.06	\$11,561.06

**Sidewalk Repairs**

## Receipts:

Appropriation. . . . .		\$3,500.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid. . . . .	\$3,497.96	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. . . . .	2.04	
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	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

## Continuous Walks—Budget Appropriation

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$7,000.00
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## Expended:

Transfer to continuous walks—Non-		
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Revenue.....	\$7,000.00	
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	\$7,000.00	
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		\$7,000.00
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## Street Sprinkling

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$15,000.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$14,959.90	
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Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	40.10	
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	\$15,000.00	
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## Street Lighting

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$26,400.00
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Cash (Park Dept).....		270.00
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## Expended:

Paid to Malden Electric Co.....	\$26,268.72	
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Pay Rolls.....	112.45	
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Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	288.83	
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	\$26,670.00	
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		\$26,670.00
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## Street Signs and Numbers

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$1,000.00
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Transfer Order No. 17065.....		125.00
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Cash.....		58.66
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$1,175.27	
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Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	8.39	
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	\$1,183.66	
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## Snow Removal and Sanding

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....		\$170.23
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Appropriation.....		7,000.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$6,459.44	
Transfer Order No. 17144.....	420.00	
Transfer Order No. 17186.....	220.91	
Balance to 1926.....	69.88	
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	\$7,170.23	\$7,170.23

**Traffic Painting**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$500.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$373.48	
Transfer Order No. 17065.....	125.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	1.52	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

**Stable Account**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$12,753.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$2,322.64	
Transfer Order No. 17008.....	2,843.00	
Transfer Order No. 17049.....	4,500.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	3,087.36	
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	\$12,753.00	\$12,753.00

**Steam Roller**

## Receipts

Sundry transfers.....		\$1,821.25
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$521.01	
Balance to 1926.....	1,300.24	
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	\$1,821.25	\$1,821.25

**Purchase of a Mixer for Tar Patching**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$275.00
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## Expended:

Cost of mixer.....	\$275.00	
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	\$275.00	\$275.00

**CHARITIES—General Administration****Receipts:**

Appropriation.....		\$1,350.00
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**Expended:**

Pay Rolls.....	\$1,300.00	
Other clerical services.....	50.00	
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	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00

**Outside Relief by City****Receipts:**

Appropriation.....		\$5,000.00
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**Expended:**

Cash orders paid.....	\$2,967.50	
Board and care.....	616.00	
Groceries.....	633.69	
Fuel.....	146.80	
Medical supplies.....	46.15	
Rent.....	220.00	
Interment.....	42.00	
Moving.....	15.00	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	100.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	212.86	
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	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

**Relief by Other Cities and Towns****Receipts:**

Appropriation.....		\$6,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17145.....		600.00
Transfer (Cash).....		245.00
Transfer Order No. 17251.....		1,050.00

**Expended:**

Boots and shoes.....	\$6.30	
Fuel.....	22.25	
Groceries.....	292.09	
Medical supplies.....	10.96	
Board and care.....	5,865.15	
Cash paid.....	750.50	
Medical attendance.....	145.40	
Balance to 1926.....	802.35	
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	\$7,895.00	\$7,895.00

**Mothers' Aid**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$5,500.00
Expend:		
Cash orders.....	\$4,619.00	
Burial expenses.....	75.00	
Cash paid and rent.....	138.00	
Board and care.....	5.00	
Hospital treatment and medical supplies	131.50	
Transfer Order No. 17145.....	600.00	
Balance to 1926.....		68.50
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	\$5,568.50	\$5,568.50

**E. Toothaker Fund**

Receipts:		
Balance from 1924.....		\$1,546.02
Interest on Fund 1925.....		61.84
Expend:		
Cash orders paid.....	\$27.00	
Groceries.....	2.85	
Balance to 1926.....	1,578.01	
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	\$1,607.86	\$1,607.86

**A. C. Marie Currier Fund**

Receipts:		
Balance from 1924.....		\$2,241.94
Received from Trustees.....		1,481.96
Expend:		
Clothing.....	\$37.46	
Groceries.....	422.01	
Boots and shoes.....	702.94	
Miscellaneous.....	2.05	
Balance to 1926.....	2,559.44	
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	\$3,723.90	\$3,723.90

**Community Civics—Melrose High School, Class 1918**

Receipts:		
Balance from 1924.....		\$13.49
Interest on Liberty Bond.....		\$2.12
Balance to 1926.....	\$15.61	
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	\$15.61	\$15.61

**Maintenance in Hospitals**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$1,200.00
Transfer (Cash).....		15.00
Expended:		
Care and board in Melrose Hospital. . . .	\$1,218.18	
Balance to 1926.....		3.18
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	\$1,218.18	\$1,218.18

**Other Expenses**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$250.00
Expended:		
Printing, postage, stationery and sup- plies.....	\$50.58	
Use of auto.....	5.00	
Telephone.....	76.02	
Furniture and furnishings.....	89.00	
Miscellaneous.....	13.30	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	5.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	11.10	
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	\$250.00	\$250.00

**SOLDIERS' BENEFITS—General Administration**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$500.00
Expended:		
Salary of agent.....	\$500.00	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

**Other Expenses**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$100.00
Expended:		
Postage.....	\$23.94	
Typing.....	42.00	
Travelling expenses.....	12.20	
Stationery and printing.....	17.50	
Miscellaneous.....	.50	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	3.86	
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	\$100.00	\$100.00

## State Aid

## Due from Commonwealth, November 1926

Pay Rolls, Civil War.....	\$1,488.00
Pay Rolls, Spanish War.....	48.00
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	\$1,536.00

## Military Aid

## One-half due from Commonwealth, November 1926

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$500.00
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## Expended:

Pay Roll.....	\$30.00	
Transfer Order No. 17124.....	450.00	
Balance.....	20.00	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

## Soldiers' Relief

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$5,500.00
Transfer Order No. 17124.....	450.00
Transfer Order No. 17143.....	150.00

## Expended:

Cash orders paid.....	\$5,113.00	
Fuel.....	688.20	
Footwear.....	5.50	
Medical supplies.....	24.85	
Medical services.....	36.00	
Purchase of grave and perpetual care of same.....	25.00	
Clothing.....	2.00	
Milk and groceries.....	106.72	
Hospital board and care.....	58.82	
Rent.....	36.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	3.91	
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	\$6,100.00	\$6,100.00

## Soldiers' Burial

## Due from Commonwealth, November 1926

Bills paid.....	\$60.00
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**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT—Administration Salaries**

(For details see report of School Department)

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$4,600.00
Transfer.....	50.00

## Expended:

Salary of Superintendent.....	\$4,650.00	
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	\$4,650.00	\$4,650.00

**Other General Salaries**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,600.00
Transfer Order No. 17082.....	125.00
Sundry transfers.....	210.41

## Expended:

Salary of Attendance Officer.....	\$500.00	
Salary of clerks.....	2,435.41	
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	\$2,935.41	\$2,935.41

**Other General Expenses**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17082.....	50.00
Transfer (Cash).....	2.72

## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$1,988.34	
Transfer.....	64.38	
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	\$2,052.72	\$2,052.72

**Teachers' Salaries**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$214,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17082.....	507.64
Transfer.....	1,400.00
Transfer (Cash).....	32.15

## Expended:

Salaries.....	\$215,857.40	
Transfer.....	82.39	
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	\$215,939.79	\$215,939.79

**Textbooks and Supplies**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$14,000.00
Transfer.....		500.00
Transfer.....		200.00
Expended:		
Bills paid.....	\$14,695.71	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	4.29	
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	\$14,700.00	\$14,700.00

**Other Expenses**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$800.00
Expended:		
Bills paid.....	\$799.57	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	.43	
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	\$800.00	\$800.00

**Janitors' Services**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$17,500.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls.....	\$16,976.85	
Sundry transfers.....	460.41	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	62.74	
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	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00

**Fuel**

Receipts:		
Transfers.....		\$225.83
Appropriation.....		12,000.00
Expended:		
Bills paid.....	\$10,598.13	
Transfer.....	1,400.00	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	227.70	
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	\$12,225.83	\$12,225.83



**Power and Light**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$2,300.00
Transfer Order No. 17082.....	200.00
Transfer.....	81.00

## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$2,579.01	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	1.99	
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	\$2,581.00	\$2,581.00

**Janitors' Supplies**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$700.00
Transfer.....	200.00

## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$890.68	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	9.32	
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	\$900.00	\$900.00

**Maintenance of Grounds and Buildings**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$10,000.00
Cash.....	20.00
Transfers.....	1,469.65

## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$10,931.73	
Transfer.....	500.00	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	1.46	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	56.46	
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	\$11,489.65	\$11,489.65

**Furniture and Furnishings**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$400.00
Transfer.....	169.89

## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$569.89	
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	\$569.89	\$569.89

**Athletic Department**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$1,000.00
Expended:		
Bills paid.....	\$820.75	
Transfer.....	169.89	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	9.36	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

**Americanization work**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$569.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$553.00	
Transfer.....	4.16	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	11.84	
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	\$569.00	\$569.00

**School Nurse**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$900.00
Expended:		
Salary of Nurse.....	\$900.00	
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	\$900.00	\$900.00

**Tuition**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$3,000.00
Expended:		
Bills paid.....	\$2,459.48	
Transfers.....	457.60	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	82.92	
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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

**Purchase of Land—Livermore School**

Receipts:		
Balance from 1924.....		\$2,500.00
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	\$2,500.00	
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

## CITY OF MELROSE

## Water Rates

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$600.00
Transfer.....	101.70

## Expended:

Paid to City of Melrose.....	\$701.65	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	.05	
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	\$701.70	\$701.70

## Washington School Playground

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$1,000.00
Balance to 1926.....	\$1,000.00
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	\$1,000.00

## Purchase of Fire Extinguishers

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$359.64
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## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$359.64	
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	\$359.64	\$359.64

## Purchase of Study Chairs for High School Hall

## Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17013.....	\$900.00
Balance to 1926.....	\$900.00
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	\$900.00

## Preliminary Plans for Proposed New Schoolhouse in Winthrop School District

## Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17080.....	\$500.00
Balance to 1926.....	\$500.00
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	\$500.00

## Boarding up Windows at Old Ripley School

## Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17061.....	\$70.00
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Expended:		
Bills paid. ....	70.00	
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	\$70.00	\$70.00

**LIBRARIES—Salaries and Wages**

Receipts:		
Appropriation. ....		\$8,566.00
Transfer Order No. 17125. ....		50.00

Expended:		
Pay Rolls. ....	\$8,612.15	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. ....	3.85	
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	\$8,616.00	\$8,616.00

**Books and Periodicals**

Receipts:		
Appropriation. ....		\$3,200.00

Expended:		
Bills paid. ....	\$3,198.65	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. ....	1.35	
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	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00

**Binding**

Receipts:		
Appropriation. ....		\$650.00
Transfer Order No. 17081. ....		50.00
Transfer Order No. 17125. ....		70.00

Expended:		
Bills paid. ....	\$749.34	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. ....	20.66	
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	\$770.00	\$770.00

**Fuel and Light**

Receipts:		
Appropriation. ....		\$950.00
Transfer Order No. 17081. ....		70.00

Expended:		
Fuel. ....	\$747.77	
Light. ....	258.44	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. ....	13.79	
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	\$1,020.00	\$1,020.00

**Buildings, Janitors' Supplies etc.**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$1,200.00
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## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$1,127.48	
Transfer Order No. 17081.....	70.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	2.52	
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	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

**Other Expenses**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$550.00
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## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$499.11	
Transfer Order No. 17081.....	50.00	
Balance To Excess and Deficiency.....	.89	
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	\$550.00	\$550.00

**Recreation Room**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$700.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$535.18	
Transfer Order No. 17125.....	120.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	44.82	
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	\$700.00	\$700.00

**RECREATION****Pine Banks Park**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$2,000.00
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## Expended:

Paid to Trustees of Pine Banks Park....	\$2,000.00	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**PARK DEPARTMENT**

(For details see report of Park Commission)

**General Administration—Salaries and Wages**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$360.00
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Expended:		
Salary of Clerk.....	\$360.00	
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	\$360.00	\$360.00

**Other Expenses**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$350.00
Transfer Order No. 16985.....		100.00

Expended:		
Bills paid.....	\$434.43	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	15.57	
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	\$450.00	\$450.00

**Parks and Gardens—Salaries and Wages**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$2,000.00

Expended:		
Pay Rolls.....	\$1,865.15	
Transfer Order No. 17123.....	75.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	59.85	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**Other Expenses**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$600.00
Transfer Order No. 17185.....		10.95

Expended:		
Bills paid.....	\$610.95	
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	\$610.95	\$610.95

**Illumination of Christmas Tree at Ell Pond**

Receipt:		
Transfer Order No. 17123.....		\$75.00

Expended:		
Bills paid.....	\$33.32	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	41.68	
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	\$75.00	\$75.00

## CITY OF MELROSE

**Truck Account**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$600.00
Expended:		
Bills paid.....	\$580.50	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	19.50	
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	\$600.00	\$600.00

**Ell Pond Park Lighting**

Receipts:		
Appropriation.....		\$325.00
Expended:		
Bills paid.....	\$270.00	
Balance to excess and Deficiency.....	55.00	
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	\$325.00	\$325.00

**Development of Ice House Property**

Receipts:		
Balance from 1924.....		\$930.60
Balance to 1926.....	\$930.60	
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	\$930.60	\$930.60

**Winter Sports**

Receipts:		
Balance from 1924.....		\$144.25
Appropriation.....		800.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$956.83	
Overdraft to 1926.....		12.58
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	\$956.83	\$956.83

**Bowden Park—West Emerson Street and Cedar Park**

Receipts		
Balance from 1924.....		\$1,297.45
Appropriation.....		3,500.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$3,714.73	
Balance to 1926.....	1,082.72	
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	\$4,797.45	\$4,797.45



**Playgrounds—Salaries and Wages**

Receipts:  
 Appropriation..... \$3,500.00

Expended:  
 Pay Rolls..... \$3,405.09  
 Balance to Excess and Deficiency..... 94.91  
 \$3,500.00 \$3,500.00

**Other Expenses**

Receipts:  
 Appropriation..... \$2,000.00

Expended:  
 Bills paid..... \$1,975.39  
 Balance to Exces and Deficiency..... 24.61  
 \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00

**Ward 7—Precinct 2**

Receipts:  
 Appropriation..... \$500.00

Expended:  
 Pay Rolls and bills paid..... \$498.98  
 Balance to Excess and Deficiency..... 1.02  
 \$500.00 \$500.00

**Bathhouses—Salaries and Wages**

Receipts:  
 Appropriation..... \$1,000.00  
 Transfer Order No. 16985..... 250.00

Expended:  
 Pay Rolls..... \$1,250.00  
 \$1,250.00 \$1,250.00

**Other Expenses**

Receipts:  
 Appropriation..... \$625.00

Expended:  
 Bills paid..... \$609.10  
 Transfer Order No. 17185..... 10.95  
 Balance to Excess and Deficiency..... 4.95  
 \$625.00 \$625.00

## CELEBRATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENTS

## Observance of 4th of July and 75th Anniversary, 1925

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$4,000.00
Cash from General Committee.....	2,654.34

## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$6,619.29	
Balance to 1926.....	35.05	
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	\$6,654.34	\$6,654.34

## All Others

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$100.00
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## Expended:

Ringin bells.....	\$32.00	
Christmas wreaths and trees.....	12.75	
Electrical fixtures for Christmas trees.....	45.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	10.25	
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	\$100.00	\$100.00

## PENSIONS

## Receipts:

Appropriation, Fire Department.....	\$1,975.00
Public Works Department.....	12,450.00
Cemetery Department.....	235.00
Library Department.....	600.00
Police Department.....	965.00
Treasury Department.....	920.00
School Department.....	250.00

## Expended:

Fire Department.....	\$1,975.00	
Public Works Department.....	10,974.28	
Transfer Order No. 17095.....	1,295.85	
Transfer Order No. 17096.....	106.72	
Cemetery Department.....	231.10	
Library Department.....	600.00	
Police Department.....	948.74	
Treasury Department.....	920.00	
School Department.....	250.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	93.31	
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	\$17,395.00	\$17,395.00

**UNCLASSIFIED—Claims****Receipts:**

Balance from 1924.....	\$151.94
Transfer Order No. 16757.....	\$659.00
“ “ No. 16771.....	119.38
“ “ No. 16822.....	39.00
“ “ No. 16827.....	42.10
“ “ No. 16004.....	324.67
“ “ No. 16005.....	296.00
“ “ No. 16634.....	366.85
“ “ No. 16016.....	670.00
“ “ No. 16877.....	50.00
“ “ No. 16879.....	100.00
“ “ No. 16755.....	100.00
“ “ No. 16939.....	57.00
“ “ No. 16964-A.....	1.00
“ “ No. 17039.....	85.00
“ “ No. 17097.....	60.00
“ “ No. 17097.....	285.00
“ “ No. 15634.....	100.00

**Expended:**

Claims paid.....	\$3,254.00	
Balance to 1926.....	252.94	
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	\$3,506.94	\$3,506.94

**Memorial Day****Receipts:**

Appropriation, Fire Department.....	\$50.00
American Legion Post No. 90.....	400.00
G. A. R.....	525.00
Transfer Order No. 17253.....	4.37

**Expended:**

Fire Department.....	\$29.00	
Melrose Legion Post No. 90.....	248.90	
G. A. R.....	399.37	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	130.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	172.10	
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	\$979.37	\$979.37

**Printing City Report****Receipts:**

Appropriation.....	\$600.00
Transfer Order No. 16708.....	200.00

## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$613.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	187.00	
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	\$800.00	\$800.00

## Ice for Drinking Fountain .

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$25.00	
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## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$25.00	
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	\$25.00	\$25.00

## Fire and Boiler Insurance

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$10,000.00	
Cash refunds.....	1,327.52	

## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$11,222.88	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	104.64	
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	\$11,327.52	\$11,327.52

## Portraits

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....	\$347.00	
Transfer Order No. 15963.....	75.00	

## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$225.00	
Balance to 1926.....	197.00	
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	\$422.00	\$422.00

## Taking Land—Winthrop School

## Receipts:

Transfer Order N. 17104.....	\$14.20	
Transfer Order No. 17187.....	4.25	

## Expended:

Land Court fees.....	\$14.20	
Balance to 1923.....	4.25	
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	\$18.25	\$18.25

**Equalization of Soldiers' Pay**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....		\$155.87
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	\$155.87	
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	\$155.87	\$155.87

**American Legion Headquarters**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$900.00
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## Expended:

For rent of quarters.....	\$900.00	
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	\$900.00	\$900.00

**Purchase of Land—Grove, Lynde and Lebanon Streets**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$7,500.00
Balance to 1926.....	\$7,500.00	
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	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00

**Rifle Practice 182nd Inf. M. N. G. Headquarters Co., 3rd Battalion**

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$300.00
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## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$208.50	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	91.50	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Purchase of Land—Swains Pond Ave. and Cumner Ave., Lloyd Square**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....		\$150.00
Balance to 1926.....	\$150.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**Surplus War Bonus Funds**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....		\$9,115.92
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## Expended:

Transfer Order No. 15795.....	\$6,500.00	
Transfer Order No. 16988.....	2,615.92	
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	\$9,115.92	\$9,115.92

## Taking Census 1925

## Receipts:

Appropriations.....		\$610.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$605.01	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	4.99	
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	\$610.00	\$610.00

## Partitions and Fittings—Radio Room—182nd Infantry

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$250.00
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## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$248.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	2.00	
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	\$250.00	\$250.00

## WATER DIVISION—Maintenance

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$27,500.00
Cash—Park Department.....		2.00
Other sources.....		468.82

## Expended:

Overdraft from 1924.....	\$963.88	
Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	23,093.62	
Transfer Order No. 17060.....	3,500.00	
Transfer Order No. 17144.....	380.00	
Balance.....	33.32	
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	\$27,970.82	\$27,970.82

## Pitometer Tests

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....		\$2,400.00
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## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$2,400.00	
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	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00

**Purchase of Ford Truck**

Receipts:	
Appropriation.....	\$430.00
Expended:	
Cost of Truck.....	\$430.00
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	\$430.00

**Inside Service**

Receipts:	
Estimates received.....	\$10,850.77
Expended:	
Overdraft from 1924.....	\$418.77
Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	8,772.39
Estimates refunded.....	1,730.46
Overdraft to 1926.....	70.85
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	\$10,921.62
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	\$10,921.62

**PUBLIC SCALES**

Receipts:	
Cash fees received.....	\$26.10
Expended:	
Bills paid.....	\$11.27
Transfer Order No. 17103.....	14.83
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	\$26.10
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	\$26.10

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT—Maintenance**

Receipts:	
Appropriation.....	\$13,992.21
Transfer Order No. 17016.....	500.00
Expended:	
Overdraft from 1924.....	\$73.76
Salary of Superintendent.....	2,400.00
Salary of Committee.....	75.00
Salary of clerk.....	39.00
Pay rolls and team hire.....	9,839.99
Furniture and fixtures.....	175.00
Postage, stationery, printing and supplies.....	53.40
Freight and express.....	19.49
Surveying lots.....	50.00



Expenses to convention.....	25.15	
Auto mileage.....	19.15	
Supplies and equipment and repairs to same.....	1,030.84	
Lighting.....	6.06	
Liability insurance.....	92.91	
Surety bond.....	5.00	
Chimney repairs.....	60.00	
Purchaser of lawn mower.....	268.40	
Use of road scraper.....	38.46	
Clerical services.....	60.00	
Telephone.....	73.39	
Fuel.....	17.00	
Water rates 1925.....	23.22	
Miscellaneous.....	13.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.....	33.99	
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	\$14,492.21	\$14,492.21

## INTEREST

## Receipts:

Appropriation.....	\$57,000.00
Received on bank deposits.....	5,783.17
Received on taxes and assessments.....	21,121.86
Accured on bonds and notes sold.....	1,336.05

## Expended:

On revenue loans.....	\$13,954.01	
On municipal loans.....	6,426.63	
On school house bonds.....	17,077.50	
On sewer bonds.....	13,133.75	
On surface drainage bonds.....	6,976.25	
On auditorium bonds.....	1,200.00	
On park bonds.....	100.00	
On Toothaker fund.....	61.84	
Accured on notes sold.....	10.00	
Refunds.....	.05	
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	\$58,931.03	
Balance to 1926.....	26,310.05	
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	\$85,241.08	\$85,241.08

## AGENCY TRUSTS AND INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

	Agency	
Guarantee deposits received . . . . .		\$4,200.00
Payments:		
Deposits returned . . . . .	\$4,200.00	
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	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00

Taxes:		
State . . . . .		\$47,040.00
County . . . . .		35,829.68
Metropolitan sewer . . . . .		25,330.96
Metropolitan park . . . . .		17,142.06
State highway . . . . .		629.87
Charles River basin . . . . .		2,593.96
Auditing municipal accounts . . . . .		66.39
Metropolitan planning . . . . .		237.76
Fire prevention . . . . .		254.72
Metropolitan District Commission . . . . .		843.09

Expended:		
Paid State Treasurer . . . . .	\$94,138.81	
Paid County Treasurer . . . . .	35,829.68	
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	\$129,968.49	\$129,968.49

## Trusts

Sarah E. Fitch School Fund:		
Balance from 1924 . . . . .		\$207.80
Interest on investment . . . . .		15.00
Sale of securities . . . . .		670.25

Expended:		
School Committee order . . . . .	\$200.00	
Balance to 1926 . . . . .	693.05	
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	\$893.05	\$893.05

J. C. F. Slayton Organ Fund:		
Received from New York City . . . . .		\$400.00
Deposited in Melrose Savings Bank . . . . .	\$400.00	
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	\$400.00	\$400.00

Levi S. Gould School Medal Fund:		
Balance from 1924 . . . . .		\$186.27
Interest for 1925 . . . . .		42.50

## Payments:

Bills paid.....	\$28.00	
Balance to 1926.....	200.00	
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	\$228.77	\$228.77

## Norman F. Hesseltine Fund:

Balance from 1924.....		\$7.97
Interest for 1925.....		4.25

## Payments:

Bills paid.....	\$5.00	
Balance to 1926.....	7.22	
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	\$12.22	\$12.22

**NON-REVENUE****Loans Authorized**

Balance from 1924.....	\$12,000.00	
Order No. 15795 Auditorium Building Extension.....	34,000.00	
Order No. 15899 Sewer Construction.....	10,000.00	
Order No. 16014 Purchase Garbage Wagons.....	3,300.00	
Order No. 16015 Purchase Street Sweeper	7,500.00	
Order No. 16697 Auditorium Building Extension.....	6,000.00	
Order No. 16013 Purchase Pumping Engine.....	8,000.00	
Order No. 16676-A Water Construction...	10,000.00	
Order No. 16696 City Hall Extension*....	53,000.00	
Order No. 15986 Surface Drainage Con- struction.....	10,000.00	
Order No. 16919 Sewer Construction.....	15,000.00	
Order No. 16920 Continuous Walks.....	15,000.00	
Order No. 16921 Water Construction.....	20,000.00	
Loan Orders recinded.....		\$12,000.00
Loan Orders issued.....		191,800.00
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	\$203,800.00	\$203,800.00

**Fire Alarm Boxes—Folsom Avenue and Granite Street**

Balance from 1924.....		\$11.73
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	\$11.73	
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	\$11.73	\$11.73

**Purchase of Pumping Engine**

## Receipts:

Loans Authorized No. 16013-A. ....	\$8,000.00
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## Expended:.

Cost of Engine.....	\$6,887.00	
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	1,113.00	
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	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00

**State Guard, Melrose Unit—Equipment and Supplies**

Balance from 1924.....		\$1.67
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	\$1.67	
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	\$1.67	\$1.67

**Purchase of Combination Ambulance and Patrol Automobile**

Balance from 1924.....		\$45.00
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	\$45.00	
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	\$45.00	\$45.00

**MEMORIAL BUILDING—Enlarging and Extending**

## Receipts:

Loan Authorized No. 15795.....	\$34,000.00
Loan Authorized No. 16697.....	6,000.00
Transfer Order No. 15795.....	6,500.00

## Expended:

J. R. Worcester—Plans and Specifications.....	\$2,292.00	
Casey and Darcy—Constructing Addition.....	24,990.00	
Schofield and Campbell—Heating.....	616.25	
R. Moore Co.,—Copper Work on Towers.....	620.00	
Roessler and Sons, Inc.—Cutting Channels.....	57.50	
Insurance.....	212.90	
Advertising.....	24.95	
Balance to 1926.....	17,686.40	
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	\$46,500.00	\$46,500.00

**CITY HALL BUILDING—Enlarging and Extending**

## Receipts

Loans Authorized No. 16696.....	\$53,000.00
Transfer from City Hall Alteration.....	10,000.00

## Expended:

Pay Rolls.....	\$296.80	
Bills paid.....	\$29,697.36	
Balance to 1926.....	33,005.84	
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	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00

## SEWER DIVISION—Private Sewers

## Receipts:

Estimates received.....	\$17,008.49
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## Expended:

Overdraft from 1924.....	\$370.45	
Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	15,073.05	
Estimates refunded.....	2,041.33	
Balance to 1926.....		476.34
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	\$17,484.83	\$17,484.83

## Construction

## Receipts

Balance from 1924.....	\$3,120.46
Loans Authorized No. 15899.....	10,000.00
Loans Authorized No. 16919.....	15,000.00
Appropriation.....	1,000.00
Transfer from Budget Appropriation...	7,000.00
Cash Receipts.....	80.99

## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$21,366.31	
Transfer Order No. 16683.....	2,717.00	
Transfer Order No. 16817.....	3,600.00	
Transfer Order No. 17070.....	1,525.00	
Balance to 1926.....	6,993.14	
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	\$36,201.45	\$36,201.45

## Construction—Clifford Street

## Receipts:

Transfer Order No 16817.....	\$3,600.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$1,450.95	
Balance to 1926.....	2,149.05	
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	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00

**Construction—Sawyer Road**

## Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17070. ....	\$1,525.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid. ....	\$717.69	
Balance to 1926. ....	807.31	
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	\$1,525.00	\$1,525.00

**Construction—Howard Street**

## Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 16683. ....	\$2,717.00
Balance to 1926. ....	\$2,717.00
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	\$2,717.00

**East Side Sewer Construction**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924. ....	\$71,290.91
Cash. ....	63.00

## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid. ....	\$48,256.55	
Balance to 1926. ....	23,097.36	
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	\$71,353.91	\$71,353.91

**SURFACE DRAINAGE—Construction**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924. ....	\$92.39
Cash. ....	503.00
Loan Authorized No. 15986. ....	10,000.00
Transfer from Budget Appropriation . . .	7,000.00

## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid. ....	\$17,093.84	
Transfer Order No. 16980. ....	500.00	
Balance to 1926. ....	1.55	
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	\$17,595.39	\$17,595.39

**Construction—Towners Pond Brook**

## Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 16980. ....	\$500.00
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$413.91	
Balance to 1926.....	86.09	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

## Purchase of Sanitary Garbage Wagons

## Receipts:

Loan Authorized No. 16014.....	\$3,300.00
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## Expended:

Bills paid.....	\$1,500.00	
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	1,800.00	
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	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00

## HIGHWAYS—Continuous Walks

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....	\$10,194.78
Loan Authorized No. 16920.....	15,000.00
Cash—Park Department.....	1,324.47
Other Sources.....	26.86
Transfer from Budget Appropriation...	7,000.00
Collections 1925.....	6,577.82

## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$37,734.77	
Balance to 1926.....	2,389.16	
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	\$40,123.93	\$40,123.93

## Crosswalks and Gutters

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....	\$1,369.21
Budget Appropriation.....	4,200.00

## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$5,477.37	
Balance to 1926.....	91.84	
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	\$5,569.21	\$5,569.21

## Main Street Construction

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....		\$ .20
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	\$ .20	
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	\$ .20	\$ .20



**Laying out and Building Church Street, Mountain Ave. and Hancock Street**

Balance from 1924.....		\$113.20
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	\$113.20	
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	\$113.20	\$113.20

**Spear Street Construction**

Balance from 1924.....		\$2.03
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	\$2.03	
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	\$2.03	\$2.03

**Purchase of Land—Grove Street and Swains Pond Avenue**

Balance from 1924.....		\$.34
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	\$.34	
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	\$.34	\$.34

**Lynde Avenue Construction**

Balance from 1924.....		\$61.78
Balance to 1926.....	\$61.78	
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	\$61.78	\$61.78

**East Foster Street Construction**

Balance from 1924.....		\$213.47
Balance to 1926.....	\$213.47	
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	\$213.47	\$213.47

**Sears Avenue Construction**

Balance from 1924.....		\$7.50
Balance to 1926.....	\$7.50	
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	\$7.50	\$7.50

**Appleton Street Macadam**

Balance from 1924.....		\$512.05
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**Expended**

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$33.65	
Balance to 1926.....	478.40	
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	\$512.05	\$512.05

**Russell Street Construction**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....	\$11,995.23
Transfer Order No. 9612-D.....	4.77

## Expended:

Loan Authorized No. 9612-D.....	\$12,000.00	
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	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00

**Warwick Road Construction**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....		\$3,583.30
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	\$3,583.30	
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	\$3,583.30	\$3,583.30

**Wyoming Heights Construction**

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....	\$1,754.91
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## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$1,740.74	
Balance to 1926.....	14.17	
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	\$1,754.91	\$1,754.91

**North Avenue Macadam and Edgestone**

Balance from 1924.....		\$136.28
Balance to 1926.....	\$136.28	
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	\$136.28	\$136.28

**Heyward Avenue Construction**

Balance from 1924.....		\$196.65
Balance to 1926.....	\$196.65	
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	\$196.65	\$196.65

**Purchase of Power Driven Sweeper**

## Receipts:

Loan Authorized No. 16015.....	\$7,500.00
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## Expended:

Cost of sweeper.....	\$7,500.00	
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	\$7500.00	\$7,500.00

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## Erection of Portable School House—Washington School

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....		\$12.19
Transfer to Surplus Account.....	\$12.19	
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	\$12.19	\$12.19

## Laying out and Constructing Walks on High School Lot

Balance from 1924.....		\$75.39
Balance to Surplus Account.....	\$75.39	
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	\$75.39	\$75.39

## School House Construction

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....	\$9,289.55
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## Expended:

## Addition to Washington School:

Grading.....	\$48.50	
Furniture and furnishings..	100.00	
Electrical fixtures.....	411.35	\$559.85
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## Meadows School:

Heating and ventilating...	\$2,700.60	
Electric and gas system....	851.97	
Furniture and furnishings..	500.00	
Iron fence.....	495.00	4,547.57
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## Ward Seven School:

Grading.....	\$226.55	226.55
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		\$5,333.97
Balance to 1926.....		3,955.58
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	\$9,289.55	\$9,289.55

## Meadows School—Approaches and Grading

## Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 16988.....	\$12,500.00
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## Expended:

Architectural services.....	\$1,200.00	
Grading.....	10,540.00	
Advertising.....	15.10	
Balance to 1926.....	744.90	
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	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00

## WATER DIVISION—Construction

## Receipts:

Balance from 1924.....	\$3,885.77
Loan Authorized No. 16676-A.....	10,000.00
Loan Authorized No. 16921.....	20,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17060.....	3,500.00
Transfer Order No. 17144.....	930.00
Cash.....	44.00

## Expended:

Pay Rolls and bills paid.....	\$38,324.10	
Balance to 1926.....	35.67	
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	\$38,359.77	\$38,359.77

## Pay Roll Tailings

Balance from 1924.....	\$592.61
Additions.....	21.01

## Charges:

Refunded 1925.....	\$2.00	
Balance to 1926.....	611.62	
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	\$613.62	\$613.62

## PREMIUM FUNDS

## Sewer Loan

Balance from 1924.....	\$614.20
Cash received 1925.....	138.00

## Charges:

Transfer to budget 1925.....	\$614.20	
Balance to 1926.....	138.00	
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	\$752.20	\$752.20

## Surface Drainage Loan

Cash received 1925.....		\$92.00
Balance to 1926.....	\$92.00	
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	\$92.00	\$92.00

**Water Loan**

Balance from 1924.....		\$70.00
Cash received 1925.....		276.00

## Charges:

Transfer to budget 1925.....	\$70.00
Balance to 1926.....	276.00

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	\$346.00	\$346.00

**Temporary Loan**

Balance from 1924.....		\$43.18
Cash received 1925.....		5.80
Balance to 1926.....	\$48.98	

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	\$48.98	\$48.98

**Municipal Loan**

Cash received 1925.....		\$138.00
Balance to 1926.....	\$138.00	

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	\$138.00	\$138.00

**School Loan**

Balance from 1924.....		\$1,502.30
Transferred to budget 1925.....	\$1,502.30	

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	\$1502.30	\$1502.30

**Auditorium Loan**

Cash received 1925.....		\$312.80
Balance to 1926.....	\$312.80	

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	\$312.80	\$312.80

**SINKING FUNDS**

Received from Sinking Fund Commissioners.....		\$138,000.00
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## Charges:

Sewer Bonds paid.....	\$100,000.00
Water Bonds paid.....	38,000.00

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	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00

**Sewer Loan Sinking Fund**

Balance from 1924.....	\$230,499.92
Assessments collected.....	6,968.22
Interest and gains on investments.....	9,861.65
Transfer of funds and securities.....	22,752.58

## Payments:

Bonds matured.....	\$100,000.00	
Premium on bonds bought.....	281.05	
Accured interest.....	46.63	
Expenses.....	151.92	
Balance to 1926.....	169,602.77	
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	\$270,082.37	\$270,082.37

## Surface Drainage Loan Sinking Fund

Balance from 1924.....	\$67,949.40
Budget appropriation.....	1,674.84
Interest and gains on investments.....	2,690.25

## Payments:

Transfer of funds.....	\$2,000.00
Expenses.....	43.05
Balance to 1926.....	70,271.44
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	\$72,314.49
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	\$72,314.49

## School Loan Sinking Fund

Balance from 1924.....	\$49,774.09
Budget appropriation.....	2,592.56
Interest and gains on investments.....	2,073.09

## Payments:

Transfer of funds.....	\$16,000.00
Expense.....	35.35
Balance to 1926.....	38,404.39
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	\$54,439.74
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	\$54,439.74

## Water Loan Sinking Fund

Balance from 1924.....	\$40,488.84
Transfer of funds.....	4,000.00
Interest and gains on investments.....	2,289.06

## Payments:

Bonds matured.....	\$38,000.00
Transfer of funds.....	3,252.58
Transfer of securities.....	5,500.00
Expenses.....	25.32
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	\$46,777.90
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	\$46,777.90

## Cemetery (Perpetual Care) Fund

Balance from 1924.....		\$92,697.25
Received for care of lots and single graves.		7,052.00
Gain on Liberty Bonds sold.....		761.80
Balance to 1926.....	\$100,511.05	
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	\$100,511.05	\$100,511.05

## SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY

## Fire Department:

Building and Land, Equipment and Personal Property.....	\$57,288.35	
Fire Alarm System.....	20,052.00	\$77,340.35
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## Police Department:

Equipment and Personal Property.....	\$8,061.50	
Police Signal System.....	6,625.25	\$14,686.75
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## Health Department:

Personal property.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
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## Public Library:

Buildings and Land.....	\$40,600.00	
Books, Fixtures, etc.....	59,200.00	\$99,800.00
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## Park Department:

Land and Buildings.....	\$96,250.00	
Equipment.....	9,550.00	\$105,800.00
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## Cemetery Department:

Buildings and Land.....	\$36,100.00	
Equipment.....	980.00	
Water System.....	900.00	\$37,980.00
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## School Department:

Buildings and Land.....	\$992,200.00	
Furnishings.....	74,000.00	
Playgrounds.....	2,500.00	\$1,068,700.00
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## Department of Weights and Measures:

Equipment and Fixtures.....	\$1,496.64	-\$1,496.64
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## Public Works Department:

City Hall, Building and Land.....	\$14,2500.00	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	10,300.00	\$152,800.00
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## Auditorium:

Building, Land, Furniture and Fixtures.	\$226,950.00	\$226,950.00
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## Highway Division:

Buildings and Land. ....	\$17,500.00	
Crusher Plant. ....	4,800.00	
Equipment. ....	38,306.00	\$60,606.00

## Sewerage System:

Cost of Construction to Dec. 31, 1924. . .	\$570,085.23	
Additional 1925. ....	78,500.59	\$648,585.82

## Surface Drainage System:

Cost of Construction to Dec. 31, 1924. . .	\$300,415.36	
Additional 1925. ....	17,507.75	\$317,923.15

## Water System:

Cost of Construction to Dec. 31, 1924. . .	\$600,785.50	
Additional 1925. ....	38,324.10	\$639,109.60

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\$3,451,878.31

# Report of City Clerk

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen.

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned has the honor of presenting the twenty-sixth annual report of the City Clerk's office for the year ending December 31, 1925.

## RECEIPTS OF THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BY MONTHS

January.....	\$137.75	
February.....	70.75	
March.....	118.40	
April.....	185.54	
May.....	232.12	
June.....	124.84	
July.....	264.60	
August.....	324.52	
September.....	387.45	
October.....	126.57	
November.....	248.39	
December.....	149.90	\$2,370.83

Amount deposited with City Treasurer.....		\$2,370.83
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## DIVISION OF RECEIPTS

Marriage intentions, 198 at \$1.00.....	\$198.00	
Motor vehicle licenses, 14 at \$10.00.....	140.00	
Drivers licenses, 16 at \$1.00.....	16.00	
Hackney carriage licenses, 12 at \$1.00.....	12.00	
Auctioneers licenses, 8 at \$2.00.....	16.00	
Bowling Alley licenses, 2 at \$10.00.....	20.00	
Billiards and Pool licenses, 7 tables at \$5.00.....	35.00	
Junk licenses, 7 at \$10.00.....	70.00	
Second Hand Junk shop licenses, 1 at \$10.00.....	10.00	
Gunpowder and Firearms licenses, 1 at \$1.00.....	1.00	
Intelligence office license, 1 at \$2.00.....	2.00	
Third class Liquor license, 1 at \$1.00.....	1.00	
Express and Job wagon licenses, 22 at \$1.00.....	22.00	
Garage licenses.....	631.00	
Renewal Garage and Gasoline licenses.....	675.00	
Doctor's registration, 2 at 25 cents.....	.50	
Chattel Mortgages, 70 at \$2.00.....	140.00	
Release of Mortgages, bills of sale, etc.....	22.68	
Business certificates.....	4.90	
Location of poles.....	245.20	
Miscellaneous.....	108.55	\$2,370.83

Amount deposited with the City Treasurer.....		\$2,370.83
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## DOG LICENSES

From December 1, 1924 to December 1, 1925

957 Licenses.....		\$2,365.00
Paid County Treasurer June 1, 1925.....	\$1,629.80	
Paid County Treasurer Dec. 1, 1925.....	543.80	
Paid City Clerk fees on 957 licenses at 20 cents...	191.40	\$2,365.00

## HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPER'S LICENSES

Received for Resident Citizen's Combination 99 at \$2.00.....	\$198.00	
Received for Resident Citizen's Hunting and Trap- ping, 99 at \$1.50.....	148.50	
Received for Resident Citizen's Fishing, 97 at \$1.00	97.00	
Received for Alien Fishing, 2 at \$2.00.....	4.00	
Received for Minor Trappers, 6 at 25 cents.....	1.50	
Received for Non-Res. Citizen's Hunting and Trap- ping, 1 at \$1.50.....	1.50	
		\$450.50
Amount paid Fish and Game Com- mission, Boston.....	\$374.50	
Amount paid City Clerk, fees 304 licenses at 25 cents.....	76.00	\$450.50

Respectfully submitted,  
VICTOR C. KIRMES  
*City Clerk.*

## Report of City Collector

To his Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

I herewith submit my report for the year 1925:

Tax—1921.....	\$124.60	
1922.....	2,905.40	
1923.....	53,472.91	
1924.....	253,007.68	
1925.....	605,426.10	
	<hr/>	\$914,936.69
Street Sprinkling 1922.....	\$27.55	
1923.....	47.98	75.53
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Water 1922.....	\$10.47	
1923.....	143.48	
1924.....	11,004.10	
1925.....	51,754.56	62,912.61
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Water Summons.....		109.00
Sewer.....	\$6,727.00	
Sewer Interest.....	1,191.06	7,918.06
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Sidewalk.....	6,577.82	
Sidewalk interest.....	1,415.85	7,993.67
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Betterments.....	\$3,166.12	
Betterments Interest.....	781.74	3,947.86
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Collector's Receipts.....		1,427.36
General Interest 1921.....	\$10.05	
1922.....	756.00	
1923.....	5,282.27	
1924.....	9,728.27	
1925.....	605.86	16,382.45
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Moth.....		17.80
Redemption on City possessions.....		20.48
Takings redeemed.....	\$3,773.87	
Takings Street Sprinkling.....	152.48	
Takings Interest.....	1,350.76	5,277.11
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		\$1,021,018.62

WILLIAM A. CARRIE  
*City Collector*

## Report of City Treasurer

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To the Honorable, The Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

*Gentlemen:*—I beg to hand you herewith my report of the operations of the Treasury Department for the year 1925.

Yours respectfully,

G. H. TOWNE

*City Treasurer*

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### CASH STATEMENT FOR 1925

Cash in Bank and office Jan. 1st, 1925.....	196,121.27
Receipts Jan. 1, 1925 to Dec. 31, 1925.....	2,353,874.56
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	\$2,549,995.83
Payments Jan. 1, 1925 to Dec. 31, 1925.....	2,293,291.51
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Balance, Cash in Bank and Office Dec. 31, 1925.....	\$256,704.32
For details see Report of City Auditor.	

G. H. TOWNE

*City Treasurer*

## CASH RECEIPTS FOR 1925

showing the Different Sources of the City Revenue and the Amount  
Received from Each

Claims.....	\$49.38
City Possessions.....	20.48
Tax Taking.....	3,773.87
Taxes, Soldiers Exemptions.....	416.22
"    1921.....	124.60
"    1922.....	2,905.40
"    1923.....	53,472.91
"    1924.....	253,007.74
"    1925.....	605,426.10
Bank and Corporation Tax.....	17,267.64
Street Railway Tax.....	1,037.75
Income Tax.....	72,293.60
Licenses, All Other.....	2,030.50
Permits, Marriages.....	188.00
Permits, All Other.....	49.25
Fines and Forfeits, Court Fines.....	707.30
Grants and Gifts, Dog Tax.....	1,601.54
Special Assesments, Street Sprinkling.....	228.01
"    "    Moth Extermination.....	25.30
"    "    Sewer.....	6,727.00
"    "    Sidewalks and Curbings.....	6,577.82
Betterments, Warwick Road.....	503.24
"    Nowell Road.....	9.37
"    E. Wyoming Ave.....	6.74
"    Spear St.....	117.10
"    Corey St.....	37.02
"    Hancock St.....	74.54
"    Mountain Ave.....	14.42
"    Church St.....	11.59
"    E. Emerson St.....	47.25
"    Garfield Road.....	45.33
"    First St.....	57.27
"    Harold St.....	9.98
"    Lynde Ave.....	51.95
"    Stevens Road.....	96.67
"    Hopkins St.....	49.09
"    Argyle St.....	23.58
"    Natalie Ave.....	54.90
"    Folsom Ave.....	134.66
"    Lincoln St.....	48.01
"    Garden St.....	20.21
"    Geneva Road.....	7.65
"    Sears Ave.....	631.63
Betterments Orient Place.....	93.53

"	Orient Park.....	58.26
"	Waverley Place.....	494.71
"	Sanford St.....	50.90
"	Rogers St.....	237.80
"	Heyward Ave.....	82.06
"	E. Foster St.....	96.66
	Aldermen, Other Expenses.....	21.50
	Mayor, Other Expenses.....	68.15
	Collectors Receipts.....	1,427.36
	City Clerk, Receipts.....	676.84
	Public Works, Other Expenses.....	3.38
"	" Receipts.....	15.00
	Stores.....	19.40
	Police, Equipment and Repairs.....	23.94
	City Hall, Receipts.....	2,801.54
	Auditorium Building, Receipts.....	814.81
	Fire Dept., Equipment and Repairs.....	15.92
"	" Fire Alarm Maintenance.....	86.00
"	" Receipts.....	16.25
	Sealer Weights and Measures, Receipts.....	129.71
	Brown Tail and Gypsy Moth Extermination.....	36.91
	Forestry, Planting Trees.....	252.00
	Inspection Building, Receipts.....	1,611.00
	Health, Collection of Garbage.....	776.22
"	" Receipts.....	1,546.79
	Sanitation, Sewer Maintenance, Receipts.....	1.38
"	" Sewer, Construction Receipts.....	80.99
"	" Sewer, Private Receipts.....	17,008.49
"	" E. Side Sewer.....	63.00
"	" Surface Drainage Construction.....	503.00
"	" Killing Dogs.....	36.00
	Highways, Street Lighting.....	270.00
"	" Repairing.....	974.11
	Signs, Guideboards and St. Numbering.....	58.66
	Highways, Sidewalks Continuous.....	1,351.33
"	" Sidewalks, Individual Walks.....	6,372.73
	Charity Receipts.....	3,988.78
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	1,886.50
	Schools, Receipts.....	5,220.49
	Pa ks ".....	197.35
	Recreation, 4th July Subscription.....	2,654.34
	Fire Loss, Gooch School, Insurance.....	559.65
"	" " Gooch and Livermore School Insurance.....	910.00
	Unclassified Insurance.....	1,327.52
	Water, Income.....	63,021.61
"	" Maintenance.....	470.82
	Water, Inside Service.....	10,850.77
	Water Construction.....	44.00



## REPORT OF CITY TREASURER

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Public (City) Scales, Receipt .....	26.10
Cemetery Receipts .....	12,158.60
Cemeteries, Interest received on Trust Funds .....	3,798.88
Interest Receipts .....	28,241.08
Temporary Loans .....	700,000.00
"    "    Anticipation Bond Issues .....	100,000.00
Permanent Loans .....	33,800.00
City Hall Addition Bonds .....	53,000.00
Surface Drainage Bonds .....	10,000.00
Sewer Bonds .....	25,000.00
Water Bonds .....	30,000.00
Memorial Hall Extension Bonds .....	40,000.00
City Hall Addition, Premium Fund .....	487.60
Water Loan,           "    " .....	276.00
Sewer Loan           "    " .....	138.00
Surface Drainage Loan, Premium Fund .....	92.00
Permanent Loan       "    " .....	138.00
Temporary Loan       "    " .....	5.80
Memorial Hall       "    " .....	312.80
Sewer Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners .....	100,000.00
Water   "    "    " .....	38,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	7,052.00
E. Toothaker Fund .....	61.84
Pay Roll Tailings and Unclaimed Amounts .....	21.01
Ambulance Fund .....	30.00
Guaranty Deposit .....	4,200.00
Levi S. Gould School Medal Fund .....	42.50
Cemetery Trust Fund Investment Acct. ....	5,125.00
A. C. Marie Currier Fund .....	1,481.96
The Sarah E. Fitch Fund .....	685.25
Norman F. Hesseltine Fund .....	4.25
Community Civics Fund, Receipts .....	2.12
J. C. F. Slayton Organ Fund .....	400.00
Board of Appeal .....	3.00

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 \$2,353,874.56

# CEMETERY TRUST FUND

## LIST OF SECURITIES IN FUND DECEMBER 31 1925

Security	No	Dated	Due	Rate	Amount
City of Melrose Note	12	Nov. 25, 1914	Nov. 25, 1926	4%	\$2,000.00
City of Melrose Note	13	Nov. 25, 1914	Nov. 25, 1927	4%	2,000.00
City of Melrose Note	14	Nov. 25, 1914	Nov. 25, 1928	4%	2,000.00
City of Melrose Note	15	Nov. 25, 1914	Nov. 25, 1929	4%	2,000.00
City of Melrose Note	145	Mar. 6, 1921	Mar. 6, 1927	4 1/4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	146	Mar. 6, 1921	Mar. 6, 1928	4 1/4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	147	Mar. 6, 1921	Mar. 6, 1929	4 1/4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	201A	Sept. 11, 1922	Sept. 11, 1926	4%	500.00
City of Melrose Note	227	Nov. 29, 1922	Nov. 29, 1926	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	228	Nov. 29, 1922	Nov. 29, 1927	4%	500.00
City of Melrose Note	231	Jan. 22, 1923	Jan. 22, 1926	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	234	June 26, 1923	June 26, 1926	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	237	Dec. 18, 1923	Jan. 12, 1926	4 1/4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	238	Dec. 18, 1923	Jan. 12, 1927	4 1/4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	239	Dec. 18, 1923	Jan. 12, 1928	4 1/4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	240	Dec. 18, 1923	Jan. 12, 1929	4 1/4%	500.00
City of Melrose Note	242	Feb. 7, 1924	Feb. 7, 1926	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	243	Feb. 7, 1924	Feb. 7, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	244	June 1, 1925	June 1, 1926	4%	1,500.00
City of Melrose Note	245	June 1, 1925	June 1, 1927	4%	1,500.00
City of Melrose Note	246	June 1, 1925	June 1, 1928	4%	1,500.00
City of Melrose Note	247	June 1, 1925	June 1, 1929	4%	1,500.00
City of Melrose Note	248	June 1, 1925	June 1, 1930	4%	1,500.00
City of Melrose Note	249	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1926	4%	1,300.00
City of Melrose Note	250	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	251	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	252	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1926	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	253	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1926	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	254	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	255	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	256	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	257	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	258	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1929	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	259	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1929	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Surf. Drg. Bonds	233	Sept. 1, 1917	Sept. 1, 1926	4%	500.00
Melrose Surf. Drg. Bonds	234	Sept. 1, 1917	Sept. 1, 1927	4%	500.00
Melrose Surf. Drg. Bonds	242	Aug. 1, 1918	Aug. 1, 1926	4%	500.00
Melrose Surf. Drg. Bonds	243	Aug. 1, 1918	Aug. 1, 1927	4%	500.00
Melrose Surf. Drg. Bonds	244	Aug. 1, 1918	Aug. 1, 1928	4%	500.00
Melrose Surf. Drg. Bonds	276	Aug. 1, 1920	Aug. 1, 1926	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Surf. Drg. Bonds	277	Aug. 1, 1920	Aug. 1, 1927	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Surf. Drg. Bonds	278	Aug. 1, 1920	Aug. 1, 1928	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Surf. Drg. Bonds	279	Aug. 1, 1920	Aug. 1, 1929	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Surf. Drg. Bonds	280	Aug. 1, 1920	Aug. 1, 1930	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	221	July 1, 1896	July 1, 1926	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	567	July 1, 1924	July 1, 1926	4 1/4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	568	July 1, 1924	July 1, 1927	4 1/4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	569	July 1, 1924	July 1, 1928	4 1/4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	650	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1926	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	651	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1927	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	652	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1928	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	653	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1929	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	654	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1930	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	655	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1931	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	656	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1932	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	657	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1933	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	658	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1934	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Sewer Bonds	659	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1935	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	697	July 1, 1923	July 1, 1926	4 1/4%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	698	July 1, 1923	July 1, 1926	4 1/4%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	699	July 1, 1923	July 1, 1927	4 1/4%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	700	July 1, 1923	July 1, 1927	4 1/4%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	701	July 1, 1923	July 1, 1928	4 1/4%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	702	July 1, 1923	July 1, 1928	4 1/4%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	707	Sept. 1, 1923	Sept. 1, 1926	4 1/2%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	708	Sept. 1, 1923	Sept. 1, 1926	4 1/2%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	709	Sept. 1, 1923	Sept. 1, 1927	4 1/2%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	710	Sept. 1, 1923	Sept. 1, 1927	4 1/2%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	711	Sept. 1, 1923	Sept. 1, 1928	4 1/2%	1,000.00
Melrose Water Bonds	712	Sept. 1, 1923	Sept. 1, 1928	4 1/2%	1,000.00
Melrose Mem. Bldg. Bonds	35	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1926	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Mem. Bldg. Bonds	36	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1927	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Mem. Bldg. Bonds	37	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1928	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Mem. Bldg. Bonds	38	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1929	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Mem. Bldg. Bonds	39	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1930	4%	1,000.00
Melrose Mem. Bldg. Bonds	40	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1931	4%	1,000.00
3rd Liberty Bonds	1349795	May 9, 1918	Sept. 15, 1928	4 1/4%	1,000.00
3rd Liberty Bonds	61348	May 9, 1918	Sept. 15, 1928	4 1/4%	1,000.00
3rd Liberty Bonds	1588204	May 9, 1918	Sept. 15, 1928	4 1/4%	1,000.00
4th Liberty Bonds	G00119257	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4 1/4%	1,000.00
4th Liberty Bonds	H00119258	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4 1/4%	1,000.00
4th Liberty Bonds	J00119259	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4 1/4%	1,000.00
4th Liberty Bonds	K00119260	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4 1/4%	1,000.00
4th Liberty Bonds	K00011960	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4 1/4%	500.00
4th Liberty Bonds	A00011961	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4 1/4%	500.00
4th Liberty Bonds	E00432675	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4 1/4%	1,000.00
4th Liberty Bonds	F00432676	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4 1/4%	1,000.00

Total, \$88,800.00

## CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Amount in Fund December 31, 1924. . . . .	\$93,459.05	
Amount added to Fund in 1925. . . . .	7,052.00	
		\$100,511.05
Securities in Fund December 31, 1925. . . . .	\$88,800.00	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Investment Acct. . . . .		
Balance awaiting Investment. . . . .	11,711.05	
		\$100,511.05

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E. Toothaker Fund (Receipts for 1925). . . . .	\$61.84
Ambulance Fund (Receipts for 1925). . . . .	30.00
Levi S. Gould School Medal Fund (Receipts for 1925). . . . .	42.50
A. C. Marie Currier Fund (Receipts for 1925). . . . .	1,481.96
Sarah E. Fitch Fund (Receipts for 1925). . . . .	192.05
Norman F. Hesseltine Fund (Receipts for 1925). . . . .	4.25
100th Anniversary Town of Melrose Fund (Receipts for 1925). . . . .	2.25
Community Civics Fund (Receipts for 1925). . . . .	2.12
J. C. F. Slayton Organ Fund (Receipts for 1925). . . . .	400.00

**BONDS AND NOTES OF THE CITY OF MELROSE OUTSTANDING DEC. 31, 1925**  
and amounts maturing each year until paid.

YEAR	Permanent Loans	Surface Drainage	School House	Sewer	Water	Memorial Bldg.	City Hall Add.	Totals	Of these totals there will be paid from Sinking Funds
1926	\$32,800	\$12,500	\$19,000	\$66,500	\$24,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$162,800	\$50,000
1927	29,500	12,500	19,000	15,500	23,000	5,000	3,000	107,500	
1928	22,000	11,500	19,000	14,500	23,000	5,000	3,000	98,000	
1929	20,500	11,000	96,000	13,500	19,000	5,000	3,000	168,000	78,000
1930	15,000	9,500	18,000	12,500	11,000	5,000	3,000	74,000	
1931	2,000	7,500	18,000	12,500	5,000	5,000	3,000	53,000	
1932	1,000	104,000	18,000	11,500	2,000	2,000	3,000	141,500	100,000
1933		2,000	18,000	9,500		2,000	3,000	34,500	
1934		2,000	17,500	8,000		2,000	3,000	32,500	
1935		1,500	16,500	16,500		2,000	3,000	39,500	10,000
1936			16,500	5,000		2,000	3,000	26,500	
1937			16,500	25,000		2,000	3,000	46,500	20,000
1938			16,500	15,000		2,000	3,000	36,500	10,000
1939			16,500	15,000		2,000	3,000	36,500	10,000
1940			16,500	13,000		2,000	3,000	34,500	10,000
1941			16,500	12,000		2,000	3,000	33,500	10,000
1942			16,500	12,000		2,000	3,000	33,500	10,000
1943			6,500	2,000				10,500	
1944			3,000	2,000			2,000	5,000	
	\$122,800	\$174,000	\$384,000	\$281,500	\$107,000	\$52,000	\$53,000	\$1,174,300	\$308,000
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To be paid from Sinking Fund		\$100,000	\$78,000	\$130,000					\$308,000
To be paid from Taxes 122,800		74,000	306,000	151,500	107,000	52,000	53,000		\$66,300
	\$122,800	\$174,000	\$384,000	\$281,500	\$107,000	\$52,000	\$53,000		\$1,174,300

# Report of Fire Department

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To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

I respectfully submit the following Annual report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year of 1925.

## Ogranization

The department consists of four companies and is as follows: Engine Co. No. 1, Engine Co. No. 2, Hoock and Ladder Co. No. 1, and Hoco Co. No. 4.

## Personal

The permanent force consists of one Chief Engineer, three Captains, two Lieutenants, Master mechanic and sixteen Privates.

The Call force consists of one Deputy Chief, one Captain, two Lieutenants and ten Privates.

One man was sent to hospital for three weeks when injured on duty at station.

## Equipment

One Chief's Auto, two Auto Pumping Engines with equipment, one Auto Hook and Ladder Truck with equipment, three Combination Hose and Chemical Autos with equipment, one horse drawn pung, and 16 Chemical Extinguishers.

## Hose

Number of feet of good hose.....	8,500 feet
Number of feet of poor hose.....	200 feet

1200 feet of new hose was purchased in 1925. I shall ask for the purchase of 1,000 feet of new hose in 1926.

All hose has been tested up to 150 pounds pressure.

## Fires

Total number of alarms answered during year .....	306
Bell alarms.....	95
Still alarms.....	211
Alarms answered in Wakefield.....	3

## Insurance on Buildings

Number of buildings damaged.....	42
Value of buildings damaged.....	\$237,400.00
Loss on buildings.....	29,142.73
Insurance on buildings.....	262,650.00
Insurance paid.....	28,176.42



**Insurance on Contents**

Value of contents.....	\$69,700.00
Loss on contents.....	10,752.25
Insurance on contents.....	50,050.00
Insurance paid on contents.....	10,826.00

**Department Work**

Emergency calls with lungmotor.....	2
To remove cats from trees and poles.....	6
To rescue children from locked rooms.....	4
Otherwise.....	5

**Hose and Ladders used**

Number of feet of hose laid.....	13,200	feet
Number of feet of ladders raised.....	1,346	feet
Number of gallons of chemical used.....	911	gall.
Number of covers used.....	14	
Total mileage.....	434	miles
Total hours of fire service.....	150	hours

**Inspections**

Number of inspections of cellars, back yards, stores.....	4,000
Number of hydrants inspected.....	800

I have recommended in my report that a sprinkler system should be installed in our school buildings. This system should be installed in the stairways and corridors of every building.

I will call your attention again to the Fire Alarm System. With the bell system alone, it is inadequate for the best of service for us. If we are to maintain a call force and the Two-Platoon System, we should have a whistle, and I urge that one be added to the system as soon as possible.

The Fire Alarm System has been extended to the Wakefield line, all ready to connect with that system just as soon as theirs is ready, which will be soon.

I am calling your attention to the placing of more of our business districts on Main St., Wyoming Ave. and Franklin St. into the fire district.

I recommend that the Fire Department have a separate telephone system connecting all three stations which would relieve half the expense that it is costing now. The cost of this system would be about \$800.00 to install

There should be a number of hydrants placed in new locations this next year.

I am calling your attention again to the Fire Station at Melrose Highlands. It seems to me that something should be done toward a new station there as soon as possible.

The personal property is in good condition and is valued at \$57,348.35.

A new Chief's car was purchased to replace the old one, also a new 350 gallon Pumping Engine was purchased to replace the old Comb. Hose Car at Melrose Highlands which was damaged in an accident.

FRANK C. NEWMAN

*Chief of Fire Department*

# Report of Inspector of Buildings

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To his Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

I hereby submit the report of the Building Department of the City of Melrose for the year 1925.

Total number of permits granted during the year 1925 was 607.	
Permits	Value
175 Single Houses. . . . .	\$1,169,000
12 Two-family Houses. . . . .	121,700
2 Apartment Houses. . . . .	55,000
247 Garages. . . . .	176,019
18 Stores. . . . .	77,500
9 Other Buildings. . . . .	77,450
138 Alterations. . . . .	191,530
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601	\$1,868,199
Collected from Permits. . . . .	\$1,605
Total expense of department. . . . .	1,020

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Balance to credit. . . . . \$585

The year ending December 31, 1925 has been the most active in the building line in the history of the city. The Zoning Ordinance with the aid of the Board of Appeal and the Planning Board has made the growth of the city, in my judgment, the most satisfactory of the thirty-nine cities and towns of the Commonwealth.

## Recommendations

1. That Part 4 Section 30, of the Building Code be revised so as to read: In Residence A, B, and C, no building, hereafter erected, irrespective of classification, shall be placed at a distance less than 7½ feet from the lot line.

2. That Part 4 Section 21 of the Building Code be revised so as to read: Any building, hereafter erected or altered, shall have two independent stairways, placed as far apart as practicable, that shall be accessible to each family or occupant.

3. That Article 4 Section 21 of the Zoning Ordinance be revised so as to read: Any building hereafter erected or altered in Residence A, B and C, having an enclosed porch on the street front, the front line of the porch shall be the front line of the building in determining the set-back from the sidewalk line.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGUS MACDONALD  
*Inspector of Buildings*



## Report of Law Department

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To his Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for the year 1925.

There were seven cases pending in court at the beginning of the year, of which cases three have been disposed of and four are still pending.

The case of Frank W. Hamilton against the City was settled for \$323.85 after a trial and pending further proceedings.

The case of Herbert S. Paige was settled for \$50 without trial, it appearing that the plaintiff had some valid claim against the City.

The case of Maude J. Taylor was settled for the full amount of the claim of \$296.00, without costs, it appearing that the City had received the full amount of the merchandise for which the suit was brought and has continued to use the same.

Two actions of tort, growing out of the same accident, brought by Frank W. Prescott and Isabelle Prescott, respectively, for personal injuries, are still pending.

A Bill in Equity, brought by George F. Barnes, asking for an injunction, compelling the City to remove certain water pipes laid through a private way and for damages, is still pending.

Also there is still pending a petition brought by Cora M. Pond for an abatement of sewer assessment.

Three cases have been brought during the year. The cases of Mary P. King and Adelle M. Comeau are for damages for alleged injuries due to alleged defects in the highway, and are still pending. The other case is that of George A. Lyall, for services under an alleged contract in regard to auditing and installing new book-keeping system, in which case the making of the contract is denied. This case is still pending.

A large number of opinions on various questions have been rendered to the Mayor, to the Board of Aldermen and to several other departments of the city. A number of orders, contracts, deeds, etc. have been drawn.

At the request of the Mayor, the City Solicitor has attended a number of hearings before Legislative Committees, on matters affecting the interests of the City.

Respectfully submitted,  
OSCAR STORER  
*City Solicitor*

# Report of License Commission

To his Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The License Commission submit herewith their second Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

During the year seventy-nine meetings were held and applications for new garages to the number of 247 acted on, locations were visited, in some cases changes were recommended and complied with by the applicants, the number of permits granted during the year was 241, with a revenue of \$631.00.

This year Chapter 148 of the General Laws relative to the collecting of a fee of fifty cents for the registration of garages was more generally enforced than has been in former years, and the sum of \$675.00 collected, 1350 paying the annual fee in conformity with the law.

Following is a summary of the cash received and expended:

Cash received from Garage permits. ....	\$631.00
Cash received for Registration of Garages. ....	675.00
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	\$1,306.00

Paid Treasurer during

January \$23.00	May \$68.50	September \$90.00	
February 31.00	June 61.00	October 87.50	
March 80.50	July 214.50	November 210.00	
April 68.50	August 263.50	December 108.00	\$1,306.00
Appropriation 1925. ....			\$200.00

## Expenditures

Clerical Services. ....	\$100.00	
Stamps and Envelopes. ....	59.98	
Permits and printing, etc. ....	27.00	
Cards and Stationery. ....	13.01	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency. ....	.01	\$200.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK C. NEWMAN, *Chairman*

ANGUS MacDONALD

VICTOR C. KIRMES, *Clerk*

*License Commission*

# Report of Moth Department

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To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I respectfully submit the following as a report of the Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1925:

## Brown Tail and Gypsy Moth

Appropriation.....	\$2,000.00
Expenditures.....	1,999.16

## Other Insect Pests

Appropriation.....	\$2,100.00
Expenditures.....	2,165.41

## Other Expenses

Appropriation.....	\$450.00
Expenditures.....	414.00

## Work on Private Estates

Appropriation.....	\$50.00
Expenditures.....	47.15

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN J. McCULLOUGH  
*Local Superintendent*

# Report of Board of Public Welfare

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To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare herewith submits it's annual report for the year ending December 31, 1925:

## PARTIAL SUPPORT

Individuals aided.....	230
Adults.....	99
Children.....	131
Having settlement in Melrose.....	151
Having settlement elsewhere in the State.....	28
Having no known settlement.....	51
Families aided.....	76
Having settlement in Melrose.....	57
Having settlement elsewhere in the State..	6
Having no known settlement.....	13

## FULL SUPPORT

Support in private families.....	4
Children boarded by the State.....	7
Children boarded in other cities.....	8
At Massachusetts Hospital School.....	1
Supported in Malden City Home.....	3
Supported at State Infirmary.....	7
Cases discharged.....	6
Deaths.....	3

## APPROPRIATIONS

General Administration.....	\$1,350.00
Outside Relief.....	5,000.00
Relief by Other Cities and Towns.....	5,500.00
Mothers' Aid.....	5,500.00
Maintenance in Hospitals.....	1,200.00
Other Expenses.....	250.00
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	\$18,800.00

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation.....	\$1,350.00
Salaries of the Board.....	\$1,300.00
Expended.....	50.00
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	1,350.00

**OUTSIDE RELIEF BY CITY**

Appropriation.....		\$5,000.00
Expended.....	\$4,723.57	
Balance.....	276.43	5,000.00

**RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS**

Appropriation.....	\$6,000.00	
Order 17251 extra.....	1,050.00	
Reimbursement.....	250.00	\$7,300.00
Expended.....	\$7,048.14	
Balance.....	251.86	7,300.00

**MOTHERS' AID**

Appropriation.....		\$5,500.00
Expended.....	\$5,004.07	
Balance.....	495.93	5,500.00

**MAINTENANCE IN HOSPITALS**

Appropriation.....	\$1,200.00	
Reimbursement.....	15.00	\$1,215.00
Expended.....	\$1,218.18	
Carried over to 1926 acct.....	3.18	
		\$1,215.00

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation.....		\$1,350.00
Salary of the Board.....	\$1,300.00	
Expended.....	50.00	\$1,350.00

**OUTSIDE RELIEF BY CITY**

Appropriation.....		\$5,000.00
Expended.....	\$4,723.57	
Balance.....	276.43	5,000.00

**RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS**

Appropriation.....	\$6,000.00	
Reimbursement.....	250.00	
Transfer from Mothers' Aid.....		
Expended.....		

**MOTHERS' AID**

Appropriation.....	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Expended.....	5,004.07	

**MAINTENANCE IN HOSPITALS**

Appropriation.....	\$1,200.00	\$1,215.00
Reimbursement.....	15.00	
Expended.....	\$1,218.18	
Carried over to 1926 acct.....	3.18	1,215.00

**OTHER EXPENSES**

Appropriation.....	\$250.00	\$255.00
Sale of cabinet.....	5.00	
Expended.....	\$230.86	
Balance.....	24.14	255.00

**RECEIPTS**

Reimbursement from Individuals.....	\$250.00	
Reimbursement from the Commonwealth.....	3,506.78	
Reimbursement from Other Cities and Towns.....	217.00	
Reimbursement from the Hospital.....	15.00	\$2,988.78

**ELEANOR BROWN TOOTHAKER FUND**

January 1, 1925.....	\$1,546.02	
Interest.....	61.84	\$1,607.86
Expended.....	\$24.85	\$1,583.01

**COMMUNITY CIVICS CLASS, MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL**

Liberty Bond.....	\$50.00	
Balance from 1924.....	63.48	
Interest received 1925.....	2.12	\$65.60

**THE A. C. MARIE CURRIER FUND**

Balance from 1924.....	\$2,241.94	
Received from Trustees.....	1,481.96	\$3,723.90
Expended.....	1,111.90	\$2,612.16

The clothing for the worthy poor consisted of the following:

182 pairs boots	1 boys suit
43 pairs rubbers	2 pairs pants
50 pairs hose	2 blouses
10 pairs gloves	2 pairs bloomers
2 sets underwear	2 skirts
2 pajamas	2 nightgowns

At Christmas, 1925, 101 dinners were given to families and 4 baskets of fruit to invalids.

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

	Salary of Board	Salary of Board	Totals
January.....	\$100.00		\$100.00
February.....	100.00		100.00
March.....	125.00	\$28.00	153.00
April.....	100.00		100.00
May.....	100.00		100.00
June.....	125.00		125.00
July.....	100.00		100.00
August.....	100.00		100.00
September.....	125.00	21.00	146.00
October.....	100.00		100.00
November.....	100.00		100.00
December.....	125.00	1.00	126.00
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	\$1,300.00	\$50.00	\$1,350.00



## OTHER EXPENSES

	Tele- phone	Envel- opes and Postage	Equip- ment	Trans- porta- tion	Annual Report	Totals
Jan.	\$5.88	\$10.00	\$2.32	\$6.00		\$24.20
Feb.	7.13					7.13
Mar.	5.63					5.63
Apr.	5.03		7.00	3.00		15.03
May.	7.99		7.00			14.99
June	5.73		89.00	1.75		96.48
July	6.28			1.25		7.53
Aug.	6.45				\$12.00	18.45
Sept.	6.20	2.00		1.30		9.50
Oct.	6.35		1.22			7.57
Nov.	6.60		6.00	5.00		17.60
Dec.	6.75					6.75
Totals	\$76.02	\$12.00	\$112.54	\$18.30	\$12.00	\$230.86

## HOSPITAL .

January . . . . .	\$23.50
February . . . . .	00.00
March . . . . .	00.00
April . . . . .	162.05
May . . . . .	403.59
June . . . . .	216.65
July . . . . .	58.25
August . . . . .	85.00
September . . . . .	15.00
October . . . . .	00.00
November . . . . .	44.64
December . . . . .	209.50

Totals . . . . .	\$1,218.18
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## OUTSIDE RELIEF BY CITY

	Cash	Food	Fuel	Rent	Board	Medicine	Burial	Transportation	Totals
January	\$291.50	\$65.65	\$40.15		\$62.00	\$3.14			\$462.44
February	234.00	125.85	30.60		56.00	1.00			447.45
March	255.00	77.91	21.90	\$40.00	62.00	2.65			459.46
April	230.00	68.09		20.00	60.00		\$42.00		420.09
May	258.00	73.95		20.00	62.00	1.00			414.95
June	236.00	56.97		20.00	60.00	12.25			385.22
July	220.00	37.25		20.00	69.00				346.25
August	240.00	42.21		20.00	70.00	5.70		15.00	377.91
September	223.00	20.95		20.00	60.00	2.70			341.65
October	238.00	20.30	8.40	20.00	62.00	4.04			352.74
November	210.00	13.83		20.00	60.00	1.00			304.83
December	260.00	24.35	37.35	20.00	62.00	6.88			410.58
	\$2,895.50	\$627.31	\$138.40	\$220.00	\$745.00	\$40.36	\$42.00	\$15.00	\$4,723.57

## RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS

	Board of Children	Board in Institutions	Board in Hospitals	Cash	Food	Fuel	Rent	City Physician and Medicine	Transportation	Boarded Elsewhere	Totals
January	\$308.58	\$345.00	\$132.00	\$65.00	\$16.00			\$94.79			\$16.00
February			70.92		650.97	43.95		18.00			945.37
March					2.17						765.84
April											20.17
May	52.57										52.57
June	334.85										334.85
July		373.00	47.70	32.50							453.20
August	160.00				104.00			18.47	15.00		297.47
September	65.71						165.00	2.44			257.90
October	409.98	577.00	221.46			24.75					1,208.44
November	20.00									654.68	674.68
December	518.70	502.92							.92	999.11	2,021.65
Totals	\$1,870.39	\$1,797.92	\$472.08	\$97.50	\$773.14	\$68.70	\$165.00	\$133.70	\$15.92	\$1,653.79	\$7,048.14

## MOTHERS' AID

	Cash	Food	Fuel	Rent	Radium and Medicine	Hospital	Burial	Other Cities and Towns	House- keeper	Total
January	\$455.00	\$12.17	\$8.40	\$16.00			\$75.00		\$5.00	\$571.57
February	352.00									352.00
March	364.00									364.00
April	352.00									352.00
May	410.00				50.00	30.50				490.50
June	328.00							122.00		450.00
July	422.00									422.00
August	352.00					15.00				367.00
September	352.00					14.00				366.00
October	440.00									440.00
November	352.00					1.00				353.00
December	440.00					36.00				476.00
	\$4,619.00	\$12.17	\$8.40	\$16.00	\$50.00	\$96.50	\$75.00	\$122.00	\$5.00	\$5,004.07

**MOTHERS' AID**

At the present time seven mothers and twenty-nine children are receiving aid under this law, one-third of the amount expended being reimbursed by the State Department of Public Welfare. The mothers aided under this law have in a general way shown good will to cooperate with the endeavors of the Chairman to improve their living conditions, to instill into the mothers a proper appreciation of the benefits of this law, and the efforts made by the Chairman of the Board to solve the home problems peculiar to each case. Without co-operation on the part of the mothers, the efforts are wasted which go to make for the welfare of the families receiving the allowances.

**TEMPORARY AID**

It has been the purpose of this Board to consider the giver of aid, the tax-payer, as well as the receiver, and while it has been our aim to aid the worthy and prevent suffering, an effort has been made to investigate as fully as possible, all requests for assistance, and to oblige those able to work to support themselves to the fullest extent. To discriminate between the worthy and unworthy who apply for aid, and to successfully prevent the increase of pauperism, is, indeed, a preplexing problem, which can be solved only by constant watchfulness, experience and an intimate knowledge of all conditions, on the part of the officials of the Board of Public Welfare.

**FULL SUPPORT**

There are seven aged persons ill at the State Infirmary, three at the Malden City Home; seven children are boarded by the Division of Child Guardianship, State House, two children in private homes in Everett, two children at West Springfield and four children boarded by the "Children's Aid Association", Mount Vernon Street, Boston, during the year 1925. There were three deaths and three cases discharged.

**REPORT OF THE CITY PHYSICIAN**

Visits made for the Department of Public Welfare:

To patients in their homes . . . . .	168
Office calls . . . . .	75

Visits made for the Health Department:

To patients in their homes . . . . .	60
To patients in the hospital . . . . .	11

Visits of inspection and consultation. . . . .	166
Office treatment for pupils of the public schools. . . . .	70
Visits for the police Department. . . . .	20
Vaccinations. . . . .	90

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE P. HOLDEN, M. D.

We would express our appreciation for the work and services rendered by the City Physician in co-operation with this Board. The Melrose Hospital has also rendered valuable service to our outside poor during the past year, as in previous years.

Respectfully submitter,

ADALINE G. REED, *Chairman*  
 THOMAS F. TROY  
 GERTRUDE F. PROVANDIE  
*Overseers of the Board of Public Welfare*

# Report of the Park Commission

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To his Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen:—In compliance with the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 45, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we herewith submit our Sixteenth Annual Report, same being for the year 1925.

## PARKS

Under the control and the management of the Park Commission of the City of Melrose, are the following named Parks; Horace Mann Park, at Grove and Myrtle Streets; Ell Pond Park, on Main Street and Parkway and Crystal Street; Sewall Woods Park on Sewall Woods Road; Boylen Park, at the junction of Franklin and Green Streets; and Bowden Park, on West Emerson Street, between Cedar Park and Vinton Streets.

With the exception of the last named, Bowden Park, no new work has been done with the exception of planting new shrubs, flowers, etc., and the trimming of the hedges and the keeping of all of these Parks mentioned in the very best of condition, so that the same may be a credit to the City.

Bowden Park was this year completed, land has been properly grained, walks laid out and filled with stone gravel, which the Park Commission feels, (owing to the contours of the land) will prove much more satisfactory and economical than Granolithic walks, Granolithic Sidewalks and edgestones have been laid on Vinton Street, Cedar Park and West Emerson Street, and a drinking fountain or bubbler installed in the Cedar Park side opposite the railroad station, which we feel is the logical location for the same; and the Park Commission wishes to inform his Honor, and the Honorable Board of Aldermen that the Park as now completed meets with the hearty approval of the donor, Mr. Frederick P. Bowden.

## PLAYGROUNDS

Under the control and management of the Park Commission are the following four playgrounds, namely, Messengers' Meadow; Melrose Common; Lincoln School playground and the new playground in the rear of the new Ripley School, to be known as the Ripley School playground.

These playgrounds, with the possible exception of the New Ripley School playground, are now adequately equipped with all the necessary playground apparatus needed for some time to come. The new Ripley School playground, in view of the fact that the same is a new ground will need more apparatus than is now at this point, but the Park Commission feels that the same can well wait until another year.

During the spring of 1925 the Park Commission voted to conduct a Baseball League amongst the boys of the various playgrounds under the ages of fifteen years, and decided to employ Mr. George E. Manser, Jr.,



to act as Athletic Instructor for the summer months and, with the following young ladies, Mrs. Lunden, being in complete charge of the playgrounds with the assistance of Miss Sanford at the Common, Misses Foley and Cowan at the Lincoln and Miss Kelley at the Messengers' Meadow, the activities of the playgrounds of the city were greatly advanced.

The playground season opened this year on July 6th with four playgrounds as mentioned above.

A new feature was added this year, to the regular playground program, which consisted of story-telling for children between the ages of four and eight years. We believe that it has already become a success in the Melrose Playground System, as it has in so many other cities and towns. One of the most valuable qualities of story-telling is its educational and character building effects which are so readily taken into the susceptible and un moulded mind of the child of younger years. This quality which is partially or wholly found in some playground activities, is entirely lacking in other activities whose purpose is purely "play".

A "Playground League" which consisted of a schedule of inter-playground games for boys and girls was carried out very successfully. Some difficulty was met in the question of transportation, the distance between the playgrounds being so great; this however, will be eliminated next year.

Basketry classes were conducted on each playground about two afternoons a week. The objects produced by the children were varied and of many colors. Boys have taken up this work as well as the girls and all show a diligent enthusiasm for it. After the close of the playground season, an exhibition of some of the finished baskets were placed on exhibition in the windows of Brock Brothers on Main Street. The basket making apparently has brought forth a good bit of encouragement from the parents and others in the homes.

A Girls' Tennis Tournament was held at Messenger's Meadow, with girls from the other playgrounds participating as well as the girls from this section of the city.

A start was made toward the formation of Ukelele Clubs on all the playgrounds, following the methods so courteously demonstrated by Miss Theresa Schmidt and Mrs. Wheeler of the Playground and Recreation Association of America to the members of the Melrose Playground Staff of workers. Due to the lateness of the season when the equipment was secured and also to the many other playground activities, the instructors were unable to do more than get a start. However, the start has been made and in view of the success of similar organizations in other cities and towns, we hope to see it gain strength in the Melrose Playground system. During the entire season, an individual merit contest was held whereby every child wishing to participate in playground games was credited with points for such things as playground spirit, participation in games, and classes, good sportmanship, etc. At the close of the season, on each grounds the winners and the runner-up were presented with prizes. This contest gave every child a goal to work for during the entire playground season.

At various intervals during the season, each playground held a "Pet Show", when all the children who owned pets brought them to be exhibited. The winner was chosen from each set of animals and the owner given a blue ribbon, second place was given a ribbon and every contestant was presented with a white ribbon.

The Athletic Instructor was employed during the months of July and August, his principal work consisting of teaching the boys the various games that are strictly boys' games, such as Baseball, soccer, etc.

A baseball League was formed of boys over twelve years of age and under fifteen from the three principal playgrounds, Lincoln, Common and Messenger's. This league played games for the championship of the playgrounds, and it is interesting to note that the same was not decided until the last games wherein the team from Messenger's won the championship.

Owing to the fact that no suitable grounds could be found in the southeast section of the city, no team was formed from that section. This matter should be remedied, and can at very little expense to the city, by filling in a part of the cemetery land south of the Poor Farm for a baseball field.

In the Baseball League, averages were kept of the boys for batting and fielding. Mention might here be made of the fine spirit of Mr. Edward Cassell of our city, who gave the Commission \$50.00 for the purchase of sweaters for the championship team, and Mr. Harry Woodill, who gave a glove to the best batting average and the Boston Rubber Shoe Company for the shoes for the best fielding average.

Two Tennis Tournaments were held for boys during the season which created amongst the boys very keen rivalry and also a great amount of interest among the older spectators.

The following figures show the attendance at all the playgrounds for the past four seasons:—

	1922	1923	1924	1925
Lincoln School Playground . . . . .	11,528	7,835	10,655	10,899
Melrose Common Playground . . . . .		10,107	11,498	11,147
Messengers' Meadow . . . . .	9,418	7,357	6,000	5,124
New Ripley Playground . . . . .				3,763
Total attendance for each year . . . . .	20,946	25,299	28,153	30,933

### ELL POND BATHING BEACH

This Pond is fast becoming the most popular fresh water bathing beach in this part of the state; hardly a day goes by without the attendance of quite a few people coming from the other cities that surround Melrose to use this Beach. The people of Melrose also, are getting to feel that this beach is far safer than Revere Beach. This has been made possible by the fine spirit of loyalty and sense of service that Mr. Victor H. Gabriel has given to the citizens of the city as the Life Guard in charge; and, also to the co-operation of the Melrose Chapter of the Red Cross and the

Massachusetts Humane Society for the free instruction and help that they have given to the boys and girls of the city in the learning of the art to not only be able to swim themselves, but to be able if every called upon to help save the life of others and that of resuscitation work.

During the past year it has been almost impossible to meet the growing demand for the use of this bathing beach. During the past season, owing to the crowded condition of the beach and the demand for locker space, the time for the use of the beach was evenly divided, the boys having the use of the beach during the afternoons and the girls during the morning period, but this is not the remedy and the Commission feel that the only cure for the present condition is through the erection of a large bath-house that will have in the neighborhood of five hundred lockers, with towels and suits to-let, and we earnestly feel that the same from even a financial point of view will be of material benefit to the city.

Attendance at the Bath-house during the past four years:

	1922	1923	1924	1925
Ell Pond Bathhouse and Beach . . . . .	28,037	31,597	32,025	49,105

From the above figures anyone can see that the attendance at this point is increasing steadily, this year, the attendance increased over 17,000 over the previous year, or over fifty per cent.

### HOCKEY RINK AND WINTER SPORTS

Melrose has made rapid strides in Winter Sports as can be readily seen by the firm hold that the High School Hockey Team has upon the minds of the lovers of the outdoor winter sport. Considerable time, money and thought has been spent on this Hockey Rink, which gives the young men of the High School and other local organizations a hockey rink that is considered second to none.

By the aid of powerful electric lights and the bleachers the public have the rare privilege of enjoying out-door night hockey.

Near the end of the year, the Park Department started two Hockey Leagues amongst the boys of the various schools, and although no report can be given of the league results in this year's report, we are pleased to say that they are proving very successful and the boys are showing fine sportmanship in participating and playing of the schedules as planned by the Commission. We earnestly feel that the main results of these two leagues will show themselves in the future teams that will represent Melrose not only in the High Schools but in the higher schools.

During the past year the Park Commission lost the valuable help of Mr. Walter A. Lindell, who owing to the fact that he accepted a position of secretary in the Glen Falls, New York Y. M. C. A. found it necessary to resign from membership in the Melrose Park Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. LORD, *Chairman*

NEIL S. CASEY

GEORGE E. MANSEY

ROY W. BOSWORTH

EDWARD L. EVANS

*Melrose Park Commission*

# Report of Treasurer of Pine Bank's Park

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To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,  
City of Melrose, Mass.

*Gentlemen:*—The Trustees of Pine Banks Park respectfully submit annual report for the year 1925.

The log cabin which is situated in the center of the Park needs attention. It should be provided with electric lights and with some other features which will render it safe and convenient for the use of the numerous people who enjoy it. This log cabin is used as a base for picnic parties for churches, classes in the public schools and various other organizations. It has a kitchen, a large assembly room with a fire place, and also a wide covered veranda, all of which enable picnic parties to be provided with a center under cover where they can serve meals and prepare same. It is used quite extensively and has been for years.

It is necessary to provide better toilet accommodations in the Park the coming year. These have always been very primitive in the Park and while our people have gotten along with them in a manner fairly satisfactory, it is now felt that, owing to the extensive use of the Park as a camping ground for tourists, it is not only wise but it is absolutely necessary that toilets of a sanitary nature and of more modern construction should be provided. They would be enclosed in a building which has already been provided, which is of a suitable nature, being made of corrugated iron and would be connected with a septic tank system.

The use of the Park by tourists last year was an experiment but we are very happy to report that it was a successful one in every respect. The Park was visited by 529 cars last summer and the number of people was estimated at 1522. There was no damage whatever to our premises, no rowdyism, and no necessity for police interference or watchfulness. These tourists turned out to be largely family people, a large number of them school teachers and professors, and other salaried people enjoying their vacation at a minimum of expense. They came from all over the country as far west as the Pacific Coast. They camped in a section of the grounds which had never been used for playgrounds and therefore they did not cause any inconvenience or lack of privileges to the youth of our cities. They must have left a considerable sum of money both in Melrose and Malden in buying their necessary supplies, and altogether we feel that the experiment has been well worth while and should be continued.

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Trustees,

CHARLES M. COX

*Secretary*



# Report of Planning Board

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To the Honorable, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Melrose:

The Planning Board, in accordance with the statute under which it was created, herewith presents its 12th annual report for the year ending December 1925. We have held ten meetings with an average attendance of six.

The work of planning boards has gone far beyond the original demands made by the statute. In most cities planning boards are asked and expected to make studies of almost any problem which concerns the future of the city, whether it be building lines, traffic, location of parks, playgrounds or schools.

Only by close co-operation with other boards and with legislative and executive officials can effective work be accomplished. Realizing that your honorable board carries a heavy burden in caring for the present needs of the city, we suggest that our services be employed to make studies in any plans for the future of the city which come within the scope of city planning. As members of the State Federation numbering 70 planning boards, we enjoy very unusual opportunities of obtaining information not easily attainable elsewhere. We also receive information, as members of the National Federation comprizing 400 boards, from the United States and Canada, infact so far reaching has city planning become from almost every civilized country. We are a purely advisory board with no desire to usurp legislative function.

May we not then, be called upon to make such studies as will assist in planning and protecting the future of our fine city.

The Zoning Ordinance, passed in March 1923, is in active and successful operation and enjoys the unique position of being the only zoning ordinance in which the changes in zoning lines have been to classes of higher restriction. Only two changes have been made, the contained area in each case being but a few thousand square feet. Many requests are still coming in for information and copies of our ordinance for use by other boards.

The Melrose Planning Board believes that civic plans concerning the future of our city should be of interest to its future citizens, the pupils of the High School, not only because of the gain in information, but because it affords the pupil an opportunity to help his city, which is the highest test of civic duty. The story of the success of our attempt to interest High School pupils in civic work as a civic duty, as a part of their study of civics, has gone all over the world. Samples of the maps were displayed at the International Conference of Planning Boards in New York, and aroused intense interest and favorable comment from many of the delegates of the 32 countires represented at the convention. The idea has been adopted in a modified way by many cities and towns and will

be used increasingly as the value of this source of help and information is realized.

During the past year the assessment map work which has been carried on by the High School pupils, has been temporarily held up, owing to lack of sufficient appropriation. We hope to take it up and carry it to successful conclusion.

At the request of the Mayor, a committee was formed; consisting of four members of the Planning Board and the Building Inspector, to study the Building Code and bring in recommendations at an early date. The work is well started, and we hope to present the results of it in the near future. The opinion of the Planning Board was requested in regard to the advisability of changing zoning lines from Residence C to Business A to permit the Colonial Gas Company to erect a filling station on land owned by them previous to the passage of the ordinance. As the ordinance did not attempt to restrict filling stations within Business A, and two filling stations were located on the opposite sides of the street under exactly similar conditions, the board decided that opposition to change of zone would have doubtful legal basis. Therefore, much as the board deplored the creation of a "gasoline village" no objection could be raised.

The Planning Board requested the Board of Aldermen to change the classification of a small district from Business A to Residence C, which it joined. It may be stated in this connection that experience would seem to indicate that extension of Business A ever so slightly into a good residential district for the purpose of providing for future business growth is unwise, in that it usually results in an extension of the one story store, which cannot be controlled by zoning and which results in loss of property value in the immediate vicinity.

Zoning is not a hard and fast law which is impossible of change, but a set of legal restrictions, capable of readjustment, to hold in proper check the development of the community which enjoys its protection.

A request was made in July by a group of citizens, the Planning Board acquiescing to change the classification of a single lot bordering on Ell Pond from Business A to Residence A. This was done by unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen.

**Derby Case.** The wisdom of holding farm and wild land in highest restriction, until development is imminent, was clearly shown in the case of Melrose Gardens. A tract of some 90 lots was laid out for building with an excellent street plan, and some lots of ample size for two family use. Over 30 lots, however, were 45x90. Request was made to change the restriction from Residence A to Residence B. The Aldermen called the Planning Board into conference and heard the arguments against removing the restriction. The request was refused by a vote of 7 to 3 against it. More was involved than appeared upon the surface. Granting release of restrictions on the west side of Main Street would inevitably result in a request for similar privilege on the east side opposite the property in question, where many lots were laid out which were too small for two family use. An intensive development would mean a school program which would involve tremendous expense with no hope of adequate return

in taxation, or a return to the two platoon system in use in nearby cities which have not been able to control the building program.

A suitable public parking space is one of the imperative needs of the city. Until it is provided no adequate restriction can be placed upon parking on Main Street. The Board has been urging since 1922 and still feels after exhaustive study of the situation that the land back of City Hall already partly owned by the city should be acquired and used for this purpose. It can never be used (as sad experience has taught us) for any public building. To use it for residence purposes would be contrary to all laws of good zoning. It is an eye sore, and of no real use. The Board will present plans with a history of the "Dix Pond area", so called, hoping that action may be taken and thus relieve Main Street and adjacent side streets from a dangerous and intolerable condition.

The establishment of building lines for purposes of street widening is under consideration, particularly the business section of Main Street, and streets which are likely to become business streets in the near future, or which must be widened to accommodate the ever increasing traffic. Much trouble would have been saved had the recommendations of the chairman, to take ten feet on Lynde and Grove Streets where they join in front of the Washington School, for street widening purposes, been adopted. The possibility of the development of equally unfortunate situations may be expected as the city grows. The experience of near cities and towns has been that it is far better and cheaper to obtain releases of land for street widening than to rely upon chance or wait till an acute situation arises. The Planning Board plans to present a comprehensive report upon street widening at the earliest time compatible with good work. Closely connected with this problem, indeed a part of it is the study of traffic. In this work the board hopes to obtain the assistance of the High School pupils as was done in the city of Springfield. Only by actual knowledge of the traffic, (both business and pleasure) which passes over a road, can any intelligent plan be worked out for present relief or future growth. The establishment of one-way streets, as yet untried in our city, has in certain cities solved the problem with no expense. A traffic map which will show the whole problem, will be a portion of the work for 1926.

The school building program, so closely linked with the future growth of the city, is another problem where the board feel that its assistance might be used to advantage, as has been the case in other cities where similar situations have arisen.

Consideration of the present school situation will receive the attention merited by the former request made by your honorable board before the last building program was decided.

An interesting commentary on the value of the zoning ordinance is indicated very clearly in the Building Inspector's report for 1925.

The year ending Dec. 1925 has been the most active in the building line in the history of the city.



Total number of permits granted 607.

175	Single houses.....	\$1,169,000.00
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12	Two-family houses.....	\$121,700.00
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	Total value of building construction.....	\$1,888,199.9.00
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The foregoing is a somewhat brief summary of the past years work of the Melrose Planning Board with some plans for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

By the Board

CAROLINE BLAKE

*Secretary*

# Report of Police Department

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Hon. Albert M. Tibbetts, Mayor:

*Dear Sir:*—In accordance with Chapter 29 of the Revised Ordinances, I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1925:

## POLICE SIGNAL SYSTEM

The Police Signal System, under the careful supervision of City Electrician Edwards has given very satisfactory service. There are nineteen boxes or stations from which men on street duty communicate with the police station.

Number of duty calls reported .....	35,722
Number of telephone calls .....	2,351
Number of wagon calls .....	13

I respectfully recommend that police boxes and red lights be installed at Holland Road and Emerson Street, Burrell and Elm Streets, Beech Ave. and Goss Ave, and Ashland Street and Richardson Road, a total of four. Owing to the growth of the vicinities of the proposed boxes I believe them necessary to properly protect these districts.

## SPOTLIGHTS

There are now five spotlights in use for the protection of officers doing traffic duty. These lights are a great safeguard to the men at busy intersections, as they enable motorists to see the officer at some considerable distance.

I recommend that two additional spotlights be installed, one at the corner of Grove and Main Streets, and one in front of the City Club, on Main Street.

## MOTOR VEHICLES

- One G. M. C. combination ambulance and patrol wagon.
- One Buick touring car.
- One Harley-Davison motorcycle.

There have been 213 calls for the ambulance during the past year. This ambulance-patrol wagon has been in use since 1920 and I believe it should be exchanged for a new one.

Motorcycles are one of the best means at our command for the control of motor vehicle traffic, and I recommend that another motorcycle be added to the equipment of the department.

## LIQUOR PROBLEM

The liquor problem has been well taken care of during the year and I am pleased to say that the situation is under better control than at any time since prohibition became effective. Several raids have been made and a certain amount of liquor has been seized. Convictions have been secured in practically all cases brought before the Courts and the liquors confiscated.

### REVOLVER PRACTICE

Revolver practice has been kept up during the year with good results. Several members of the force have become very proficient in the use of revolvers, and all have gained such a knowledge of their weapons as to insure intelligent handling and care. My thanks are due Mr. Ned Fennell and Associated of the Massachusetts Revolver Club who have assisted us in this work, and also the Massachusetts District Commission for the use of their range.

### CONCLUSION

During the past year by rearrangement of routes and with the addition of new officers, all night police protection has been established at the Highlands and Wyoming sections; also a day patrolman covers the east and west side of the city from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. Our motorcycle officer covers the entire city paying especial attention to speeders and reckless drivers.

Exceptionally fine work was accomplished during the year with our one motorcycle, but in order to successfully continue the campaign against speeding and make the streets safe for ordinary travel it will require the purchase of another motorcycle.

During the early evening and in the morning until nine o'clock traffic officers cover the most important points of travel on Main Street from Wyoming Ave. to Franklin Square. It is estimated that during these hours that at least two thousand persons, mostly school children cross Main Street at these points under the protection of a traffic officer. As far as possible protection is also given the children at outlying schools.

While vehicle and pedestrian traffic control is still the greatest problem of our time, we feel that with the cooperation of the teachers in our schools and the parental control in the homes, with the proper use of safety zones and cross walks painted on the streets as designated by the Public Works Dept., with the publicity of the dangers by our local press and by careful obedience of signals from traffic officers at crossings we will be able to handle and overcome many of our apparent difficulties.

Every house that was reported to be left unoccupied last summer was visited by an officer of the department who was assigned for that purpose only. Many places were found to be insecurely locked and in some cases were found open.

Many complimentary communications have been received from citizens and merchants in regard to service rendered during the summer vacation and Christmas holidays.

My thanks are due and are hereby tendered to you and to the Committee on Police and other members of the Board of Aldermen, and also to the Justices, Clerks and Probation Officers of the First District Court of Eastern Middlesex for advice and assistance rendered; also to many citizens for kind co-operation and valuable information. To the officers, patrolmen, and all others connected with the department, I desire to express my deep appreciation for their loyalty and excellent service rendered during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS B. HEATON

*Captain and Acting Chief of Police*

# Report of Melrose Public Library

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REV. PAUL STERLING

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ELSIE M. HATCH

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MYRTLE LITTLEFIELD

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ALICE H. LONG

In Charge of Wyoming Branch  
HATTIE D. HALL

In Charge of East Side Branch  
MRS. WALTER LEWIS

In Charge of Ward 7 Branch  
ELIZABETH BATES

## Janitor

WILLIAM G. REED

# Report of Public Library Trustees

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To His Honor, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

*Gentlemen:*—The Trustees of the Public Library respectfully refer you to the accompanying report of the Librarian, which together with the financial report already submitted, details the work of the Library for the year 1925.

Respectfully,

PAUL STERLING

*Chairman, Board of Trustees*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the Melrose Public Library:

In reviewing the work of the Library for the year we cannot but be sure that the people of Melrose are realizing more and more what the Library has for them and it is here to serve them. There is a very marked increase, not only in the number of people coming to the Library and the branches, but in the number of telephone calls asking for information. The year has been the busiest the Library has ever known. The departments generally show an increase of service given the public, some of which can be tabulated, and some, quite as important, cannot be reported in figures. Many libraries are reporting less use of the library and are giving as reasons the automobile, moving pictures and the radio. In spite of these things, and Melrose has its share, the circulation shows an increase of more than 11,000, the increase being entirely at the Main Library. The reference work has increased in about the same proportion. No record is kept of the work in this department. It is not unusual for the Reading Room to be filled to the limit, every chair being used and people sitting on the arms of the chairs and standing. The steadily increasing work of the Library has been a tax on the members of the staff, but it has been met cheerfully by everyone.

There are at present two outstanding needs of the Library. One is more room. Both the Reading Room and the Children's Room are entirely too small for the demands made on them. The other need is a High School Librarian. The fast growing work with the schools is making imperative the need for an assistant to have special care of that work, if the Library is to give satisfactory service to the pupils.

The demand for the Library to be open in the morning was becoming so insistent that the experiment was tried the first of October. The use made of the Library in the morning proved it to be a wise step, and the Library is now open to the public from ten in the morning until nine in the evening.



There have been two art exhibits in the Library during the year,—one an exhibit of paintings from one of the Boston galleries, given jointly by the Woman's Club and the Melrose Art League, and the second, a very interesting exhibit of work done by Melrose artists, given by the Melrose Art League. Several hundred people visited each of the exhibits. The weekly talks in the Art Room by Mrs. Jenkins have been continued with increasing interest. This plan seems to solve, in a measure, the problem of using the splendid collection of pictures which the Library has. We hope the number of people to benefit by these open days in the Art Room will continue to increase.

There have been two gifts to the Library this year which are valuable additions—a painting by Eliza Lynde, a former Melrose resident, was given to the Library by Mr. Felix Gendrot of Roxbury. The picture is copy of a painting by St. Jean called "The Madonna of the Roses" which hangs in the Louvre in Paris. The picture now hanging in the Library is said by art critics to be an unusually good copy. It is a valuable addition to the art collection of the Library. Mr. J. T. McLellan of Melrose just recently presented to the Library a very fine specimen of the Bald or American Eagle. The eagle has been placed in the Reception Hall and is the object of much interest.

Early in the year there was a much needed change made in the branch at Ward 7. The branch was moved from the little building where it had been housed since it was started, to a room in the new school building. The change was an improvement in every way. There has been no marked increase in the work of the branches during the year, though all except one made a slight gain in circulation. Much growth in the East Side branch is practically impossible in its present quarters, but with more room there are possibilities of much more work for the people in that section.

The children are taking good advantage of what the Library has to give them. The Children's Room is often crowded and the Recreation Room has grown so much in the year that it has been open, that an assistant for the Supervisor has been necessary. Hikes, art appreciation, music appreciation and story-telling are a regular part of the Recreation Room program, as well as the games, drawing, and making of scrap books. It has been interesting and satisfying to see some of the children develop and improve who have been coming regularly to the Recreation Room. It is generally admitted that the work done for the children by a Library is some of its most important work. Book Week was observed with appropriate posters in windows of business houses as well as in the Library and the branches, with story-telling every day during the week, and with the usual exhibit of good books for children.

Libraries in general are giving much attention to what is called Adult Education. The movement has probably grown out of what has been an apparent demand on the part of the public. There has always been in this Library, and probably in others, a demand for reading lists of worthwhile books of informing character. The American Library Association

is furnishing lists of books on the most important subjects, compiled by experts. These lists and the books recommended are made available to our people by the Library. In its own quiet way, the aim of the Library has always been to get the right book to the right person at the right time. These reading lists are a great help to the Library and to the people.

There have been two changes in the staff this year. Miss Sheldon, the cataloguer, went to the Wakefield Library, and Miss Emery of the Circulation Department, went to the Somerville Library. These positions were both filled by trained assistants. The increasing demands made on the Library are making trained assistants necessary.

Considerable has been done in the way of maintenance of the Library Building. The floor of the basement has been re-built, the Recreation Room has been made in great degree sound proof by changes in the ceiling, a small room in the basement has been pleasantly furnished as a rest room for the Library Staff, one of the fire places had to be partly rebuilt, the back door had to be replaced by a new one and the back steps with the wall supporting them, which was crumbling, have been rebuilt.

The room on the second floor of the Library continues to be used by Public Welfare and Educational organizations for their meetings.

The Library appreciates the fine interest and support of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, which tends to make the Library feel more keenly its responsibility to the public.

The Librarian wishes to acknowledge the spirit of co-operation of the Melrose Free Press and the Melrose Home Sector by giving space for Library Notices and lists of books.

I would also express my appreciation of the unfailing interest and support of the Trustees, and the loyalty of the Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE M. HATCH

*Librarian*

### STATISTICS

The circulation for the year follows:—

<b>Centfal Library</b>		
Non-fiction.....	15,020	
Fiction.....	39,473	
Juvenile.....	17,175	71,668
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Highland Branch.....		26,875
Wyoming Branch.....		6,362
East Side Branch.....		8,201
Ward 7 Branch.....		4,009
Sanitarium.....		1,244
Fire Station.....		154
School Deposits.....		4,503
Duplicate.....		1,328
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		124,344



## AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM OF STATISTICS

For the Year ending December 31, 1925

Population served (about )	20,000
Number of days open during the year	331
Hours open each week for reading, Central Library	69
Hours open each week for lending Central Library	69
Number of volumes at beginning of year	32,099
Number of volumes added by purchase	1,748
Number of volumes added by gift	37
Number of volumes added by binding	15
Total number of volumes at end of year	33,899
Number of volumes lent for home use:	
Adult	90,627
Juvenile	33,717
Total	124,344
Number of borrowers registered	9,728
Number of borrowers registered 1925	1,084

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF SPECIAL FUNDS

Melrose Library for Year Ending December 31, 1925

## William Emerson Barrett Fund

1925			
Jan.	1.	By balance	\$183.56
		By interest	8.31
Dec.	31.	To balance	\$191.87
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		\$191.87	\$191.87

## Horatio Nelson Perkins Fund

1925			
Jan.	1.	By balance	\$851.66
		By interest	38.71
		To books purchased	\$7.32
Dec.	31	To balance	883.05
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		\$890.37	\$890.37

## William Bailey Fund

1925			
Jan.	1.	By balance	\$2892.33
		By interest	123.54
		To books purchased	\$259.16
Dec.	31.	To balance	2756.71
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		\$3,015.87	\$3,015.87

## Catalogue Fund

1925			
Jan.	1.	By balance . . . . .	\$377.63
		By interest . . . . .	12.37
		By deposits . . . . .	829.01
		To disbursements for library employees	\$469.10
		To disbursements for library supplies . .	252.95
		To books purchased . . . . .	83.41
		To repairs . . . . .	36.50
		To rent . . . . .	46.40
Dec.	31	To balance . . . . .	330.65
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		\$1,219.01	\$1,219.01

## Duplicate Library Fund

1925			
Jan.	1.	By balance . . . . .	\$14.91
		By interest . . . . .	.30
		By deposits . . . . .	130.90
		To books purchased . . . . .	\$144.01
Dec.	31	To balance . . . . .	2.10
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		\$146.11	\$146.11

## Recreation Room Fund

1925			
Jan.	1.	By balance . . . . .	\$44.67
		By interest . . . . .	2.00
		To supplies purchased . . . . .	\$1.81
Dec.	31.	To balance . . . . .	44.86
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		\$46.67	\$46.67

FRANK W. CAMPBELL

*Treasurer*

# Report of Public Works Department

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## ORGANIZATION—1925

### Engineer and Superintendent

FRANK EMERSON

### Division Assistants

Engineering Division:	CHARLES F. WOODWARD	In charge
	JOHN F. RAND	Transitman
	EDWIN H. KING	Rodman
	PAUL H. SACKETT	Rodman

Highway Division:	WALTER J. LORD	In Charge
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Sewers and Drains:	ALBERT J. WAGHORNE	In Charge
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Water Division:	JAMES McTIERNAN	In Charge
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### Office Assistants

Chief Clerk:	EMMA L. LEIGHTON
Bookkeeper:	ENOS R. PYE
Asst. Bookkeeper:	JANETTE K. BOWIE
Timekeeper:	PATRICK G. DeCOURCY
Stenographer:	BLANCHE E. NICKERSON
Clerk:	M. EILEEN DUNLAY

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

*Gentlemen:*—The Annual Report of the Public Works Department for the year ending December 31, 1925 is hereby respectfully submitted.

This department has the general care of all public highways (streets, sidewalks, trees), construction of new streets and sidewalks, street lighting, street sprinkling, street cleaning, collection of ashes and garbage, street signs, house numbering, and all work connected with the sewer, surface drainage and water systems, all engineering work relating to the above, care of City Hall, and placing of insurance on city property.

Contracts have been let for the construction of granolithic sidewalks, edgestones, sewer and water pipe, tar and sand, sale of garbage, collection of rubbish, the addition to City Hall and the grading of the approach to the Roosevelt School.

The past year has been an extremely busy one, more men having been employed in the different divisions of the Department than ever before in its history.

On account of the unprecedented building activities, and the large number of requests occasioned thereby for permits to connect with the water and sewerage systems, the department was taxed to its utmost capacity, not only in making the connections but in extending new mains.

It had been the intention of the department to relay and enlarge the water main on Washington Street from Gould to Pleasant Streets, changing the 8 inch cement pipe to 10 inch cast iron, but it was found impossible to even attempt this work on account of the activities before mentioned.

There are still about 10 miles of cement lined water pipe in the system which is a source of constant worry and expense, and a certain amount of this pipe should be replaced each year with cast iron, as a matter of economy and protection.

The opening of the season found the department with a serious lack of equipment with which to carry on the work confronting it. Much of the equipment was either antiquated or worn out. Through the co-operation of the Board of Aldermen, who made sufficient appropriations, the department was enabled to purchase new horses, harnesses, blankets, etc., for the stable, four new garbage wagons, an up to date sewer cleaning apparatus, a mixer for tar-patching, tapping machines for making both large and small taps in the water division, high class, easily transported pumps for the sewer and water division and a Kelly Springfield street sweeper which has kept the streets of the City as a whole in a cleaner condition and at much less expense than has ever been done before.

The sweeper has been dismantled and a ten foot snow plough attached to it, thus giving the City another piece of equipment with which to combat any storms which may be inflicted upon it during the winter months.

The cost of cleaning catch-basins varies from year to year, but with the street sweeper working daily there is less debris to be washed into the basins during storms, thus reducing the cost of their maintenance to a minimum.

The wooden bridge over Spot Pond Brook on Florence Street had deteriorated to such an extent that it had become dangerous and it was deemed advisable to rebuild it. This was done with concrete and steel reinforcement, the walls of the brook rebuilt at this point, and a substantial steel picket fence erected on the easterly street line.

The East Side Trunk Sewer has been completed during the year. The cut through the divide at Burrell Street was made, and the 15 inch main sewer continued northerly to Howard Street and southerly to Porter Street. This work has provided an outlet for a very large part of the Saugus River Watershed Area and several streets have already been sewered.

#### WATER DIVISION

About 6000 feet of the new mains were laid during the year, and 2600 feet of cement pipe replaced with iron pipe of larger size. Details of work done are shown in the tables of Construction and Relay which follow.

One hundred and eighty-four new services were laid and fifty-eight old iron services were renewed with lead or cement lined pipe.

Six additional hydrants have been placed and nine four inch hydrants replaced with six inch hydrants.

Hydrants have been oiled, repaired and kept free from snow and ice.

One hundred and eighty-eight meters have been installed and five removed.

The entire system of mains, services, hydrants, water meters, etc., have had careful attention and the necessary repairs and changes have been made.

The following are some of the items:—

8 services in private premises cleaned  
 40 joints in iron pipe repaired  
 78 service leaks in street repaired  
 29 services in street cleaned  
 237 services renewed in private premises  
 242 services renewed in street

#### Total Pipe Laid in the City

Length in feet $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pipe.....	956
Length in feet 1 inch pipe.....	1,939
Length in feet $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch pipe.....	801
Length in feet 2 inch pipe.....	6,797
Length in feet 4 inch pipe.....	53,557
Length in feet 6 inch pipe.....	168,741
Length in feet 8 inch pipe.....	27,707
Length in feet 10 inch pipe.....	20,903
Length in feet 12 inch pipe.....	23,097
Length in feet 14 inch pipe.....	3,024
Length in feet 16 inch pipe.....	5,223

Total .....	312,745
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Length of cast iron pipe, 262456 feet or 49.70 miles.

Length of cement pipe, 50289 feet or 9.53 miles.

Total miles, 59.23

Number of services in use.....	4,871
Number of meters.....	4,973
Number of fire hydrants.....	409
Number of gates on mains.....	793
Number of watering troughs.....	2
Number of ornamental fountains.....	2
Number of drinking fountains (bubblers).....	10
Number of fire services.....	22

**Water Assessments and Consumption**

The annual assessments paid by the City of Melrose as its proportional part of the cost and operation of the Metropolitan Water Works for the last five years are as follows:—

1921.....	\$24,093.56
1922.....	23,191.14
1923.....	25,580.49
1924.....	26,475.80
1925.....	25,157.89

The average daily per capita consumption (gallons) of water in Melrose as recorded by the Venturi meter, operated by the Metropolitan Water Works, is shown below for the years 1921-25.

1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
57	62	66	64	62



## WATER RELAY—1925

LOCATION	Cast Iron Pipe		Pipe Abandoned			Hydrants Changed	Gates Changed
	Size Inches	Length Feet	Size Inches	Length Feet	Kind		
Albion St. hydrant.....						1	
Burrill St.....	6	366	4	366	Cement	1	
Bellevue Ave.....						1	
Chestnut St.....	6	730	4	730	Cement	1	1
Circuit St., Hurd St. to Hurd St.....							
Florence St.....	6	440	6	440	Cement	1	
First St. at Greystone Rd.....	6	8	6	8	Cement	1	
First St.....	8	103	4	103	Cement		
Greenwood St.....	6	32	6	32	Cement		
Highland Ave. W.....	6	9	4	9	Cast Iron		
Highland Ave. W.....						1	
Lebanon St.....						1	
Melrose St.....						1	
Main St.....	6	530	4	530	Cement	1	
Sargent St.....	6	263	6	263	Cement		1
School St.....	8	140	4	140	Cement		
Woodland Ave.....							
Totals.....		2621		2621		9	2



## WATER CONSTRUCTION—1925

Location	Cast Iron Pipe		Gates		Hydrants		REMARKS
	Size Inches	Length Feet	Size Inches	No.	Size Inches	No.	
Ardmore Rd., Porter St., south	6	194	6	1			
Albion St., Day St. to No. 36	6	386					
Albion St. on hydrant	6	6	6	1			
Burrill St., set new hydrant	6	6	6	1			
Baxter St., north to Prospect St.	6	544	6	2			
Bellevue Ave., reset hydrant	6		6	1			
City Hall, reset hydrant	6	6	6	1			
Clifford St., Nelson Rd. East	6	348					
Circuit St at Hurd St.	6		6	1			
Damon Ave. at Griswold Rd.	6	24	6				
Florence St. at hydrant			6	1			
First St. at hydrant			6	1			
Griswold Rd., Main St. to West St.	8	1315	8	1			
Griswold Rd. at Hawes Ave.	6	6	6	1	6	1	
Griswold Rd. at Damon Ave.	6	2	6	1			
Griswold Rd.	8	467	8	2	6	1	
Greenwood St., near Woodland Ave.			8	1			
Grove St. on hydrant at Dell Ave.			6	1			
Glen St. at Whittier St.	6	34	6				
Hawes Ave. at Griswold Rd.	6	36	6	1			
Ledge St., Griswold Rd., North	6	66	6	1			
Leonard Court	6	319					
Leonard Court	6	110					
Lynn Falls Parkway, Green St. East	1½	319	1½	1			
Madison St., Sylvan St., North	8	194	8	1			
McIntosh St., hydrant at Ashland St.	6		6	1			
McIntosh St.	6	92					
Mt. Vernon Ave.	6						
Nelson Rd., Clifford St., South	6	216					
Sargent St. on hydrant			6	1			
Temple St., Prescott St., West	6	90					
Temple St., southerly end	6	227					
Thirteenth St., Upham St. to First St.	6	439	6	3	6	1	
Whitworth Rd. at hydrant	6		6	1			
Whitworth St.	6	566	6	2	6	1	
West St.	6	52	6	2	6	1	
Totals		6064		32		6	

## HIGHWAY DIVISION

2400 linear feet of gutters have been paved with granite paving blocks.

136,475 gallons of tar have been applied for street surface treatment, about 25 miles of streets having been covered.

4212 cu. yds. of sand have been used to cover surface tar application.

68 new trees have been set out.

78 new street signs have been placed.

3670 sq. yds. of sodding have been laid.

192 sq. yds. of repairs to granolithic sidewalks have been made.

About 700 feet of old board walk on Swains Pond Avenue has been removed and replaced by retaining wall and gravel walk.

Depressions in paving blocks between rails of street car tracks on Main Street, from Malden Line to Wakefield Line, have been patched.

654 cords of garbage have been collected.

The following streets have wholly or in part been reconstructed:

Altamont Avenue . . . . . whole length

Porter Street . . . . . near Golf Club

Otis Street . . . . . Leeds St. to Charles St.

Emerson St. West . . . . . Owego Park to Charles St.

Warwick Road . . . . . 400 feet to Perkins St.

Charles Street . . . . . whole length

Sanford Street . . . . . Cleveland St. to Whittier St.

Tappan Street . . . . . whole length

Clifton Park . . . . . whole length

Mystic Avenue . . . . . whole length

Park Street . . . . . North Forest St. to Spear St.

Spear Street . . . . . Park St. to Mountain Ave

Fairview Avenue . . . . . whole length

Farwell Avenue . . . . . whole length

Haskell Street . . . . . whole length

Prospect Street . . . . . whole length

Brown Street . . . . . whole length

Wyoming Heights . . . . . whole length

Wyoming Avenue . . . . . Brown Street to end

Chestnut Street . . . . . Wyoming Avenue to Lynde St.

Chestnut Park . . . . . whole length

Burrell Street . . . . . whole length

Goss Avenue . . . . . Grove St. to Beech Ave.

Argyle Street . . . . . Grove St. to Beech Ave.

Park Street . . . . . Meridian St. to Lebanon St.

Grove Street . . . . . Swains Pond Ave. to end.

Cumner Avenue . . . . . Grove St. to Swains Pond Ave.

There have been 10,569 linear feet of new edgestones set, and 4820 square yards of granolithic sidewalks constructed, classified as either Individual or Continuous Walks.

## CONTINUOUS WALKS—1925

LOCATION	Edgestones		Blocks	Granolithic	
	Straight	Curved		Walks	Drives
Argyle St., east side, Grove St. to Beech Ave.	570.30	15.90	15		
Argyle St., west side, Grove St. to Beech Ave.	541.00	15.90	18		
Albion St., east side, front of No. 3, 7, 11, 15, and 23	273.10	11.50	10	1,592.00	570.20
Bowden Park	286.60	79.10			
Beech Ave., Argyle St. to Florence Ave.	388.90	48.00	4	2,139.43	174.60
Bellevue Ave. and Hillside Ave.	274.30	17.20	6	1,553.40	292.90
Chester St., south side, Adams St. to Florence St.	15.40			1,128.10	167.50
First St., Goss' line to Parker St.	202.10	15.70	4		
First St., Geneva Rd., east	318.50	15.20	10	540.50	195.30
Geneva Rd., First St., north	96.60		4	1,087.00	263.70
Goss Ave., both sides, Grove St. to Staples	847.24	36.20	18	4,704.00	857.60
Holland Rd., north side	240.50			1,208.00	
Harvard St., west side, Beech Ave., south	331.60		6		
Lynde Ave., west side, Wyoming Ave. to Washington St.	901.60	65.00	15	4,915.80	721.70
Mt. Vernon St., north side, Main to Chestnut St.	257.50	17.60	6	1,353.40	314.10
Melrose St., north side, front of 85, 87 and 93	150.10		2		
Porter St., south side, East St., east	391.80	15.75	4	2,234.10	313.30
Pearl St., north side, Brook, east	330.20		8	1,604.00	267.30
Sewall Woods Rd., west side	887.50		10	4,575.50	508.50
School St., east side, Upham St., north				1,168.00	174.60
Waverly Ave., east side, Upham St. to Laurel	853.30	96.86	10		
Totals	8,158.14	499.91	152	30,403.23	4,821.30

## SEWER CONSTRUCTION—1925

STREET	LOCATION	Pipe		Manholes
		Size Inches	Length Feet	
Burrill St. Ext....	Sect. 1, easterly.....	18	780	3
Burrill St. Ext....	Sect. 2 to Porter St.....	12	947	3
Burrill St. Ext....	Sect. 3 to Howard St.....	15	890	
		12	575	6
Baxter St. Ext....	Northerly.....	8	473	3
*Clifford St.....	Nelson Rd., easterly.....	8	200	0
East St.....	Porter St. to Upham St.....	8	1,300	5
Enmore Rd.....	Mooreland Rd., easterly.....	6	255	1
Glen St.....	Lynde Ave. to Whittier St.....	6	220	1
Glendale St.....	Hesseltine Ave., easterly.....	10	270	1
Hillcrest Ave.....	Mooreland Rd., easterly.....	6	150	1
Hillcrest Ave.....	Mooreland Rd., southerly.....	6	340	3
Lynn Fells Pkwy...	Green St., easterly.....	6	322	2
Laurel St.....	Extension, easterly.....	6	110	1
Laurel St.....	Extension, easterly.....	8	266	1
Mooreland Rd....	Porter St. to Hillcrest Ave.....	8	866	4
Porter St.....	School St. to Mooreland Rd.....	12	505	3
Porter St.....	Mooreland Rd. to Ardsmore Rd....	8	732	3
Porter St.....	School St., westerly.....	8	204	6
Renwick Rd.....	Southerly from Wakefield line....	8	285	1
School St.....	Porter St. to Upham St.....	8	1,180	6
Sawyer Rd.....	School St., westerly.....	6	165	1
Twelfth St.....	Extension, southerly.....	6	133	2
Whittier St.....	Wyoming Ave. to Glen St.....	8	578	3
			11,746	60

\*Unfinished.

## SUMMARY

1,695 ft. 6 in. pipe  
6,084 " 8 in. "  
270 " 10 in. "  
2,027 " 12 in. "  
890 " 15 in. "  
780 " 18 in. "  
11,746 lin. ft.  
Total for 1925

60 Manholes  
180 House Connections

## SEWERAGE SYSTEM AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1925

Number of feet of 6 inch pipe.....	133,840
Number of feet of 8 inch pipe.....	62,113
Number of feet of 10 inch pipe.....	18,183
Number of feet of 12 inch pipe.....	12,308
Number of feet of 15 inch pipe.....	4,729
Number of feet of 18 inch pipe.....	5,930
Number of feet of 20 inch pipe.....	2,788
Number of feet of 24 inch pipe.....	1,213
18x 20 inch brick.....	3,035
20 inch brick.....	111
24 inch brick.....	28

Total number of feet in length of sewers..... 244,278  
or 46.27 miles, 2.40 miles of which are owned and controlled by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but by Act of the Legislature Melrose is permitted to use these in the same manner as local sewers.

## SURFACE DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION—1925

STREET	LOCATION	Pipe		Man-holes	No. Catch Basins
		Size Inches	Length Feet		
Albion St.....	Private land to Ashlnad St.....	*12	370	1	
Albion St.....	Private land to Ashland St.....	12	330		
Baxter St.....	Spot Pond Brk. to Prospect St.....	*12	100	4	
Baxter St.....	Spot Pond Brk. to Prospect St.....	12	388		
Baxter St.....	Spot Pond Brk. to Prospect St.....	10	350		
City Hall.....	Drain for new addition.....	12	86		
		10	70	2	
Dix Pond.....	Drain east and west of Main St.....	*18	382		
Ell Pond Brook.....	Wall of Everson's.....		128		
Ell Pond Brook.....	Wall at Sinnott's.....		220		
Ell Pond Brook.....	Wall at E. Foster St.....		154		
Ell Pond Brook.....	Wall at Sewall School.....		128		
Franklin St.....	Howie Ct. to Sargent St.....	15	230	1	
Laurel St.....	Brook, northerly.....	*18	310	2	1
Laurel St.....		12	180		
Lynde St.....	Catch basin at angle.....				1
Main St.....	East and west at Grimes.....	*30	350	1	
Mountain Ave.....	At Hancock St.....	*16	50		
Mountain Ave.....	Southerly rear of lots.....	*20	74		
Roosevelt School.....	Drain to brook.....				
Rowe St.....	Catch basin near Emerson St.....				1
Swain's Pond Ave.....	Brook at Malden line.....	*24	160		
Sewall Woods Rd.....	Catch basin at angle.....				1
Spot Pond brook.....	Culvert at Florence St.....	8 in. x4	40		2
Spot Pond brook.....	Wall at Florence St.....	8 in. x4	237		

\*Corrugated Iron Pipe.

## SUMMARY 1925

1,796 ft. Iron Pipe  
 1,634 ft. Akron Pipe  
 40 ft. conc. culvert  
 867 ft. stone walls  
 11 Manholes  
 6 Catch Basins

## IMPROVED DRAINAGE SYSTEM AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1925

8 inch Akron pipe.....	863 lin. ft.
10 inch Akron pipe.....	5,852 lin. ft.
12 inch Akron pipe.....	34,665 lin. ft.
12 inch Iron pipe.....	470 lin. ft.
15 inch Akron pipe.....	17,848 lin. ft.
16 inch Akron pipe.....	284 lin. ft.
16 inch Iron pipe.....	50 lin. ft.
18 inch Akron pipe.....	7,423 lin. ft.
18 inch Iron pipe.....	692 lin. ft.
20 inch Akron pipe.....	6,232 lin. ft.
20 inch Iron pipe.....	194 lin. ft.
24 inch Akron pipe.....	2,436 lin. ft.
24 inch Iron pipe.....	160 lin. ft.
30 inch Iron pipe.....	350 lin. ft.
Brick conduit.....	659 lin. ft.
Concrete conduit.....	9,219 lin. ft.
Number of manholes.....	387
Number of concrete culverts.....	9
Number of catch-basins.....	674
Total length of improved surface drainage.....	16.61 miles



### Recommendations

The brooks of the City are a source of considerable expense and attention every year due to the fact that a large amount of rubbish is thrown into them by the public at large.

During the past year walls have been constructed along Ell Pond Brook for a distance of 867 feet and Spot Pond Brook for a distance of 277 feet, most of this on one side only, but in some places on both sides.

In addition, part of Ell Pond Brook, between Main and East Emerson Streets, has been covered with a concrete roof.

I recommend that as much as possible of the appropriation for Surface Drainage Construction be used each year for the purpose of covering the brooks within the thickly built up portion of the City.

At the present time the stables, city yard, sewer division and water repair shop are all located in separate places in different parts of the City.

While the amount paid by the Department for rent is considerable, much of the equipment is kept out of doors in all kinds of weather; also there is a considerable loss of time between headquarters, the stable and the yard.

Since the City owns a parcel of land on Tremont Street of sufficient area, I recommend that an appropriation be made for the construction of the necessary buildings and sheds so that the different units may be consolidated at one place.

The trucks used for the collection of ashes are practically worn out and are not of a type adapted to the economical handling of this work. They will have to be replaced this year, and I recommend that trucks of a different type than those now in use be purchased.

I also recommend the purchase of a portable air compressor for drilling rock, breaking pavements, the excavation of frozen ground due to leaks and breaks, and the innumerable other uses to which it can be put.

I wish at this time to extend my thanks to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and to every employee of the Public Works Department for the support and co-operation given me during the year in carrying on the above work.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK EMERSON

*Engineer and Superintendent Public Works*

## STATISTICS

of

## CITY OF MELROSE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Location .....	7 miles north of Boston
Population April 1, 1925 .....	20,302
Number of Voters .....	9,038
Greatest extent of City north and south .....	2.44 miles
Greatest extent of City east and west .....	2.95 miles
Valuation of real estate .....	\$25,574,500
Valuation of personal property .....	\$3,184,200
Tax Rate per thousand .....	\$32.20
Area of City .....	Land.....3,079.50 acres
	Water..... 35.50 acres..... 3,115.0 acres
Length of Public Streets .....	49.85 miles
Length of Private Streets .....	14.96 miles
Total length of water mains .....	59.23 miles
Total length of sewers .....	46.27 miles
Range of pressure on mains from .....	100 to 23 lbs.
Number of 250 candlepower incandescent lights .....	58
Number of 60 candlepower incandescent lights .....	862
Number of luminous arcs, all night .....	50
	to midnight.....22.....72

## Areas of Parks:

Lincoln School Playground .....	1.60 acres
Horace Mann Playground .....	.60 acres
Messenger's Meadow Playground .....	2.89 acres
Melrose Common .....	4.4 acres
Sewall Woods Park .....	9.0 acres
Ell Pond Park .....	30.41 acres
Pine Banks Park .....	81.8 acres
Middlesex Fells .....	170.0 acres
Area of Wyoming Cemetery .....	43.5 acres
Bowden Park .....	62 acres
Elevation Main Street at City Hall .....	61 feet above mean low tide
Elevation Franklin Square .....	85 feet above mean low tide

For Financial Detail see Auditor's Report



# Report of Registrars of Voters

To His Honor, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

The Board of Registrars of Voters respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1925.

This year being an off year, no elections or primaries were held, other than the special election on June 2nd, 1925, on the referendum question for the appropriation of \$53,000 for the addition to the City Hall, at which a very light vote was cast, 1233 voting out of 9038 names on the voting lists.

In the revision of the Jury list, your board complied with the provisions of Chapter 311, Acts of 1924, a new law relative to the making up of the Jury lists, made operative for the first time this year. The preparation of this list entailed considerable work and responsibility, owing to the fact that no juror could be placed on the list, until it was determined that such person was qualified, upon the knowledge of some one of the members of the board, or after personal appearance, etc., nine meetings were held, 1000 questionnaires were printed, 750 sent to those selected as prospective jurors, these had to be returned, sworn to before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, all but 67 were so returned, these were written to and returns received from all but 16, for which summons were issued to appear personally, these summons were complied with, and a Juror list of 250 made up and posted in accordance with the law.

All questionnaires have been listed and filed alphabetically, a card index made of all those placed on the list, and if drawn, a record is made on the card, thus avoiding drawing the same party again until a three year period has elapsed.

The Jury list as made by Wards is as follows:

Ward.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
	35	36	36	35	35	36	37	250

Fifty copies were printed, posted and placed in the jury box by order of the Board of Aldermen and mailed to the Courts in this jurisdiction.

On receipt of the Assessors' Poll Book, the voting list was revised; 1340 names were taken out for non-assessment or removal from the city, and of this number of 1340, 659 were restored, making a net loss for the year of 681 names as will be seen from the summary below.

Wards.....	1	2	3-1	3-2	4	5	6	7-1	7-2	Total
	1299	1528	669	661	1200	1096	1383	977	225	9038
Out.....	160	215	82	133	165	200	180	173	32	1340
	1139	1313	587	528	1035	896	1203	804	193	7698
Restored...	72	112	44	44	113	78	90	104	2	659
	1211	1425	631	572	1148	974	1293	908	195	8357

379 names were certified for the Massachusetts Civic League on the referendum giving Veterans a preference in Civil Service.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN L. CRAGIN, *Chairman*

JOHN J. KEATING

CHARLES E. HOLT

VICTOR C. KIRMES, *Clerk*

*Board of Registrars of Voters*

# Annual Report of the School Dept.

## School Committee for 1926

### OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

*Chairman*, HARRY F. SEARS      *Secretary*, HERMAN H. STUART

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Name and Address	Telephone	Term Expires
Henry N. Andrews 54 York Terrace	Liberty 4900 . . . . Mel. 0921-W	1926
Josiah D. Bullens 254 Porter Street	Mel. 1580 . . . . Mel. 0497-J . . . .	1928
Mrs. Helen S. Campbell 34 Chestnut Street	Mel. 0714-M . . . .	1928
Henry T. Claus 41 Morgan Street	Liberty 6600 . . . . Mel. 1302	1928
Elmer O. Goodridge 463 Lebanon Street	Malden 3200 . . . . Mel. 0476-W	1928
Mrs. Maude M. Johnson 44 Linclon Street	Mel. 1351-R . . . .	1926
Mrs. Bertha H. Marshall 42 Lake Avenue	Mel. 0731 . . . .	1926
Harry F. Sears 44 Orris Street	Somerset 0522 . . . . Mel. 0729-W	1926
Frank J. Sherman 167 Porter Street	Mel. 0397-M . . . .	1926

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held in the Committee Room, High School Building, on the first Monday of every month, except during July and August, at 7.30 p. m.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

HERMAN H. STUART, 6 York Terrace

Office: High School Building

Telephone: Office, Mel. 2284 and 2285

Residence, Mel. 2690

Secretary: Gladys W. Tower, 109 Highland Ave., Melrose

Telephone: Mel. 2138-M

Clerk: Ethel M. Spaulding, 81 Lynde St., Melrose

Telephone: Mel. 1728-R

### STANDING COMMITTEE

#### Finance and Supplies

Mr. Bullens      Mr. Goodridge      Mr. Sherman      Mr. Andrews

#### Schoolhouses and Janitors

Mr. Goodridge      Mr. Bullens      Mr. Sherman      Mr. Claus

**Teachers and Salaries**

Mrs. Campbell      Mr. Claus      Mrs. Marshall      Mrs. Johnson

**Textbooks and Courses of Study**

Mr. Andrews      Mrs. Campbell      Mrs. Marshall      Mrs. Johnson

The Chairman of the School Committee is a member, ex-officio, of all standing committees.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1925-1926**

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**FALL TERM 1925**

Opens September 9.

Closes December 23

**WINTER TERM 1926**

First Half: Opens Jan. 4

Closes Feb. 19

Second Half: Opens March 1.

Closes April 23

**SPRING TERM**

Opens May 3.

All Schools Close June 23

**FALL TERM 1926**

Opens Sept. 8

HOLIDAYS—October 12, Thanksgiving with day following and half day preceding, April 19, May 31, June 17.

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**"NO SCHOOL" SIGNAL**

The "no school" signal will be sounded at three different places in the city—the Central Fire Station, Boston Rubber Shoe Company Factory No 2, and the Congregational Church in the Highlands. The time of such signals for the High School is 7.15 a. m. and for the grades 7.45 a. m. and 12.45 p. m. The signal is the number 22 four times.

# Report of Superintendent of Schools

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January 15, 1926

To the School Committee:

*Ladies and Gentlemen:*

I am herewith submitting my fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools. The usual statistical material will be found in the pages of this pamphlet following this report.

Glancing back over the year just closed there are two things which register as particularly noteworthy: first, the recommendation of your Committee for a reorganization of the school system on the 6-3-3 basis; second, the revision of the course of study in arithmetic.

The former is noteworthy because of the enlarged educational opportunities which will be made available to the boys and girls of this city if this recommendation of your Committee is accepted by the citizens. The reasons underlying the above recommendation and the facts brought out in the campaign of education subsequent to such recommendation is familiar ground. Therefore I shall not retrace it in this report.

Among the agencies which effect in a fundamental way the education of children, the course of study stands second only in importance to good teaching. In order that good teaching may be made most effective, it is necessary that the outline of work be arranged with proper attention to all the factors which enter into the situation.

The emphasis in our educational practices during the last few years has been gradually changing from the worship of standards to a greater consideration of the child,—his needs and his interests. Therefore the effective organization of material in the field to be studied; the amount and proper distribution of drill, and relative attention to those topics socially important and socially unimportant, must be projected against the background of the child's activities, interests and capacities at different age and grade levels.

Furthermore, there has developed during the last few years a body of scientific research material in practically every subject in the field of elementary education.

To remake a course of study with "scissors and paste" as has been the common practice in the past would be to disregard the modern conception of the public school and to ignore the body of exact information which is available.

Consequently, it was decided in our work to start at the beginning of things and to remake our course from the foundation. With the sanction of your Committee, Professor Guy M. Wilson of Boston University an expert in the field of curriculum work, was engaged to "head up" the work in which the entire elementary school teaching force and the administrative staff participated. The work was entered upon with enthusiasm and with apparent intention of turning off a piece of work worthy of their best cooperative efforts. The subject which appealed to the group as being most urgently in need of revision was arithmetic. Therefore, this subject was taken up first.



Preliminary to the actual work of putting the course of study in arithmetic on paper the teachers were supplied with the best current literature on curriculum construction, including approximately twenty-five courses of study which were selected as representing the best from the standpoint of attention to scientific investigation in the field of arithmetic.

The four following principles were set up as determinants in limiting the field which ought to be covered by a course in arithmetic:

1. Omit everything which does not have a plain use in daily life.
2. Omit anything which does not have the interest of the child.
3. Omit anything that is beyond the comprehension of the child.
4. Omit isolated facts or any fact which does not connect with the chain or series of ideas.

It will be seen at once that an arithmetic based upon the above principles will differ somewhat from the old conception of the purposes of arithmetic.

The following introduction to the course of study serves well to indicate the nature and significance of the work:

"This course of study in arithmetic is an attempt on the part of the teachers to meet the situation for Melrose boys and girls as it has been revealed by actual survey and study within the city. At the same time other studies have not been neglected, but have been used to reinforce the general theory of the course and to furnish specific data upon the use of the many problems which have been encountered. The present form of the course is tentative, since on many phases of the work it is realized more time is needed to gather illustrative material or to work out details called for by the plan.

**"The Purpose of Arithmetic**—Education in a democracy, in which the schools are supported from the public funds, seeks no longer to impart mere information of interest only to a leisure class. Educators have agreed upon fundamental objectives which the work in schools must serve. These objectives are:

1. Health
2. Vocational efficiency.
3. Social civic efficiency (Civic efficiency, moral efficiency, and effective home membership).
4. Preparation for leisure.
5. Mastery of the tools of knowledge.

"Society demands that each individual be socially efficient. Arithmetic has a place in this plan as a tool. This is its one purpose. It is indeed an effective tool and a fundamental one, but it is quite limited. It is a means for designating, computing, and measuring. It is nothing more. This means specific usefulness in common affairs of life.

"We learn the multiplication table, not primarily to sharpen the wits or comprehend a beautiful system, but in order to figure our salaries, our taxes, or interest on a note. Ordinary business and social contacts require ability to count, to read and write numbers, accuracy and rapidity in the fundamental processes and simple fractions, and a working knowledge of



simple business applications including simple accounts. Whatever is given in the grades beyond the essentials required by the general social and business demands of the community consumes time that would better be used in other ways.

"While the group who have been working on this course of study are very greatly interested in arithmetic, they disclaim any promotional interest. It seems only fair to further disclaim for arithmetic any superior cultural or disciplinary values. Any subject well taught by a capable teacher doubtless carries considerable so-called cultural and disciplinary values, but the greater the usefulness, the better the discipline. Accepting this viewpoint, the effort has been made to eliminate from the subject all useless processes and to connect it directly with the business life of the community, developing those processes which are demanded by the community and as nearly as possible in the way in which they are used in the community."

The work in arithmetic is practically complete. The result is a course of study made in a somewhat more scientific way than is usually the case which is about to receive national recognition in a way which will reflect credit not only upon the teaching staff, but upon the city as well. The course comprises not only an outline of work to be covered, but also a drill service, inventory and diagnostic tests, suggestions for remedial drill, progression of difficulties and a statement of uniform processes.

The effectiveness of the course in the classroom is assured because the teachers who will use the material are familiar not only with the content but they understand the significance of the objectives upon which it rests.

Although the work in arithmetic was carried further than the work in other subjects, other subjects were not neglected. A uniform method of teaching spelling was worked out; a general outline of the language course was made which will be supplemented by material on method which is now being prepared, and general objectives in history have been set up.

### Health Work in the Schools

The inadequacy of the health work in the public schools of this city has been a steadily growing conviction with me.

Very commendable work is being done by the teachers in an attempt to build up in the minds of the children correct health habits by a constant emphasis upon the need of proper food, sufficient sleep, and the necessity of personal cleanliness. The schools also keep height and weight records of all the children and transmit reports of the same to the home; the drinking of milk both in school and out is encouraged, especially among under-weight children.

As valuable as this work is, there is still a broad field which is practically untouched by our health activities. The early detection and control of communicable diseases looking to the greatest protection of the children in our public schools; the limiting of the spread of common colds; the

discovery of physical defects; the follow up work and the cooperation with the home in remedy of the same; the supervision of the kind and quality of school lunches which are to be served in our schools, especially in the high school; attention to under-nourished children; and the field of dental hygiene are phases of the work which are either not touched at all or are given but passing and superficial attention.

An adequate program for a city the size and character of Melrose would include the following officers:

A director of health education, whose duty it would be to correlate all the health agencies in the public schools and to build up further health activities; a half time school physician; two school nurses; a part time school dentist.

I suppose it is too much to expect that all of these workers can be supplied at one time. Probably the most immediate need is that of a full time nurse. Such a person trained for school work and having the point of view of the schools would add greatly to the efficiency of our schools.

At the present time we have the half time service of a nurse and the occasional visits of two school physicians.

In making a recommendation for the increase of the personnel concerned with health work I do not intend to offer any criticism of the present force.

Very respectfully submitted,

H. H. STUART,  
*Superintendent of Schools*

TABLE I

School Year	School Census	No. of pupils enrolled in elementary schools	No. of different pupils enrolled in High schools	Average membership in elementary school	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High schools	No. of graduates from High school	No. of graduates from grammar schools
1908-09	2869	2688	534	2539.22	511.46	1908.23	492.03	93	203
1909-10	2739	2314	582	2134.60	552.34	2027.92	531.49	107	202
1910-11	2601	2304	586	2096.10	546.70	1982.47	518.52	107	340
1911-12	2876	2103	711	1971.39	665.73	1856.89	634.47	93	302
1912-13		2001	802	1917.98	731.44	1817.81	687.03	84	229
1913-14		2048	767	1918.85	737.00	1838.22	720.87	100	193
1914-15		2061	805	1975.23	751.38	1862.62	723.07	163	187
1915-16	3240	2079	736	2000.78	677.68	1885.35	649.78	136	198
1916-17	3315	2041	698	1978.12	647.01	1878.00	636.00	114	192
1917-18	3495	2129	684	2022.77	618.47	1898.68	591.11	106	179
1918-19	3647	2192	644	2985.09	588.02	1924.15	560.24	98	185
1919-20	3982	2281	693	2152.17	616.54	1992.80	591.41	103	165
1920-21	4015	2412	647	2309.36	608.89	2200.92	582.07	121	214
1921-22	3925	2446	677	2377.92	642.41	2229.98	620.21	89	228
1922-23	3079	2570	715	2447.18	736.37	2259.76	705.92	111	177
1923-24	3244	2548	790	2423.27	803.62	2292.52	774.46	136	239
1924-25	3657	2564	888	2497.10	831.69	2345.91	798.18	167	228

TABLE II  
DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS BY AGES AND GRADES IN THE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Age and Enrollment as of April 1, 1925

BOYS

Grade	Age															Total
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
1		93	71	8	1										173	
2		4	97	59	49	2									211	
3			3	66	55	9	2	1							136	
4				13	70	72	20	10							185	
5					4	83	52	28	14	1					182	
6						5	51	67	27	11	5	2			168	
7							6	52	51	20	8	4	1		142	
8								7	71	50	32	5	2		167	
Special				2	2	2	3	3	1	5	3	1			22	
Total		97	171	148	181	173	134	168	164	87	48	12	3		1386	

GIRLS

Grade	Age															Total
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
1		83	56	7											146	
2		5	81	51	14	2									153	
3			4	75	44	11	4	1							139	
4				7	68	56	10	2							143	
5					9	76	55	16	9	1	1				167	
6						4	58	49	17	7	2				137	
7							6	64	59	19	12	3			163	
8								13	46	42	10	2			113	
Special				2		2	1		3	1	1				10	
Total		88	141	142	135	151	134	145	134	70	26	5			1171	

TABLE III  
DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS BY AGES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL  
April 1, 1925

BOYS										
Age										Total
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 and over	
Freshman	3	58	55	21	4	1				142
Sophomore		4	31	42	10	3				90
Junior		1	3	33	47	18	7			109
Senior				2	31	36	7	3	1	80
Post Graduate						4	1			5
Total	3	63	89	98	92	62	15	3	1	426

GIRLS										
Age										Total
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 and over	
Freshman	1	8	48	46	22	3	2			130
Sophomore		2	6	47	43	15	7			120
Junior				6	48	48	9	3	2	116
Senior				1	9	48	22	6	2	89
Post Graduate						1	2	2		5
Total	1	10	54	100	122	115	42	11	4	460

TABLE IV

Percentage of Pupils belonging June 1925 who **Failed** of Promotion

Schools	GRADES								Total Percent Failed
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Franklin			0.0	1.37	8.47	4.47			3.58
Gooch	10.71	7.5	4.35	5.26	9.99	0.0	20.58	3.22	7.70
Lincoln	12.82	10.81	15.79	0.00	2.32	3.03	0.0	0.0	5.60
Livermore					7.02	9.09	12.76	0.0	7.21
Ripley	16.66	0.0	17.64	14.28	0.0	0.0			8.09
Sewall	4.0	11.62	4.0	5.88					6.37
Washington	20.40	0.0	6.38	1.75	8.43	6.25	6.82	2.35	6.54
Whittier	16.62	1.69							8.65
Winthrop	13.51	0.0	0.0	0.0					3.38
Roosevelt	14.63	3.57	3.45	0.0	7.69	2.38	8.16	9.09	6.12
Total	13.54	4.40	6.45	3.57	6.27	3.61	9.66	2.93	6.31

Percentage of Pupils belonging June 1925 who were **Conditioned**

Schools	GRADES								Total Percent Con- ditioned
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Franklin			8.96	2.74	15.25	11.94			9.72
Gooch	10.71	10.00	13.04	23.68	18.18	21.87	14.71	22.58	16.84
Lincoln	12.82	8.10	13.16	2.50	9.30	9.09	9.09	12.19	9.53
Livermore					10.53	11.35	14.89	15.62	13.10
Ripley	8.33	0.0	17.64	28.57	19.05	11.11			14.11
Sewall	12.0	9.30	12.0	14.70					12.00
Washington	34.69	0.0	4.25	8.77	12.05	20.31	13.63	15.29	13.62
Whittier	9.37	10.16							9.76
Winthrop	5.40	0.0	7.14	0.0					3.13
Roosevelt	7.31	3.57	6.69	5.55	12.82	16.66	15.31	9.09	9.65
Total	12.58	5.14	10.39	10.81	13.88	14.62	13.52	14.95	11.54

Percentage of Children by Grades Not Promoted in 38 Cities

Grade	Average for 100,000 pupils							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	15.4	8.8	7.7	7.6	9.2	8.6	9.7	8.5



TABLE V  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
Jan. 1, 1925—Jan. 1, 1926

	Asked for by School Committee	Appropriated by Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriation	Expenditures	Balances
GENERAL CONTROL						
1. Administration Salaries.....	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00	—	\$4,650.00	\$4,650.00	
2. Other General Salaries.....	2,725.00	2,725.00	+	2,935.41	2,935.41	
3. Other General Expenses....	2,050.00	2,050.00	—	1,985.62	1,985.62	
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE						
1. Teachers' Salaries.....	214,507.64	214,507.64	+	215,825.25	215,825.25	
2. Textbooks and Supplies....	15,000.00	14,000.00	+	14,701.00	14,695.71	5.29
3. Other Expenses.....	1,000.00	800.00		800.00	799.57	.43
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT						
1. Janitors.....	17,500.00	17,500.00	—	17,039.59	16,976.84	62.75
2. Fuel.....	12,350.00	12,000.00	—	10,825.83	10,825.83	
3. Water.....	600.00	600.00	+	701.70	701.65	.05
4. Light.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	+	2,581.00	2,579.01	1.99
5. Janitors' Supplies.....	900.00	700.00	+	900.00	890.68	9.32

TABLE V—Continued

	Asked for by School Committee	Appropriated by Board of Altermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriation	Expenditures	Balances
<b>MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS</b>						
1. General Repair.....	20,455.00	10,000.00	—	9,506.00	*10,936.73	38.92
2. Furniture and Furnishings..	600.00	400.00	+	569.89	569.89	
<b>AUXILIARY AGENCIES</b>						
1. Americanization.....	569.00	569.00		564.84	553.00	11.84
2. Athletics.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	—	830.11	820.75	9.36
3. School Nurse.....	900.00	900.00		900.00	900.00	
4. Tuition.....	3,000.00	3,000.00	—	2,542.40	2,542.40	
	\$300,256.64	\$287,851.64	+	\$7.00	\$287,858.64	\$139.95
<b>SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>						
Fire Extinguishers.....		\$359.64			\$359.64	
Janitors' Pensions.....		250.00			250.00	
Washington Playground.....		1,000.00				1,000.00
Tablet Arm Chairs.....		900.00			898.50	1.50
					*\$290,696.48	

\*Cr. by Fire Ins. Livermore and Gooch \$1,469.65.

TABLE VI

## DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES BY SCHOOLS. FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

	General Control	Other Expenses	Teachers Including Principals	Textbooks	Supplies	Janitors' Services	Janitors' Supplies	Fuel	Water	Light and Power	Repair of Buildings	Furniture and Furnishings	Special Music	Totals
High School			\$69,169.29	\$2,280.48	\$2,375.44	\$4,775.55	\$312.58	\$2,770.27	\$107.69	\$1,193.56	\$2,537.47	\$261.50		\$85,783.83
Franklin School			15,076.62	188.15	591.03	1,460.00	20.60	1,020.53	46.26	58.71	670.03			19,131.93
Gooch School			14,323.92	144.19	339.09	1,460.00	23.55	711.95	27.91	87.43	1,172.43			18,290.50
Lincoln School			18,328.62	361.12	499.57	1,545.48	48.65	739.39	96.50	107.51	546.65			22,273.49
Livermore School			8,158.08	322.04	234.12	730.00	13.35	592.65	41.85	51.87	977.27			11,121.23
New Ripley School			4,893.75	139.99	142.01	782.14	13.03	219.90	51.09	108.97	97.99	10.75		6,459.62
Roosevelt School			20,483.55	807.86	1,752.51	1,702.86	45.93	711.93	107.35	579.46	334.33	14.83		26,530.61
Sewall School			6,819.47	42.42	168.93	730.00	13.35	581.63	21.51	11.52	218.18			8,517.01
Washington School			25,629.60	564.43	1,675.84	1,845.00	149.75	1,640.58	120.00	351.39	975.33	130.24		33,082.16
Whittier School			6,697.23	76.14	113.49	814.64	7.77	740.75	32.63	22.35	98.81	40.65		8,644.46
Winthrop School			8,477.71	70.76	239.09	902.60	25.32	509.25	30.84	6.24	164.83			10,426.64
All schools			775.00	468.02	156.53		166.50				1,811.72	111.92		13,860.29
Suspense	\$9,571.03	\$799.57												
Tuition													2,542.40	
Health													900.00	
Domestic Science (Sal. only)													3,249.98	
Manual Training (Sal. only)													4,526.25	
Music (Sal. only)													1,701.25	
Drawing (Sal. only)													1,800.00	
Physical Training													5,282.00	
Americanization													553.00	
Special Science (High)													257.55	
Special Music (High)													557.53	
Special Athletics														
Warren School			1,253.68	36.21	91.17	228.57	50.30	587.00	17.99		1,831.69			3,596.61
	\$9,571.03	\$799.57	\$200,086.52	\$5,501.81	\$8,378.82	\$16,976.84	\$890.68	\$10,825.83	\$701.65	\$2,579.01	\$10,936.73	\$569.89	\$21,369.96	\$289,188.34

TABLE VII

## COST PER PUPIL IN AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP FISCAL YEAR 1925

	High	Elementary
General Control.....	\$2,389.96	\$7,181.07
General Control per pupil.....	2.81	2.81
Teachers' Salaries.....	69,169.29	130,949.38
Teachers' Salaries per pupil.....	81.28	52.11
Textbooks.....	2,280.48	3,221.33
Textbooks per pupil.....	2.68	1.27
Supplies.....	3,190.52	6,003.38
Supplies per pupil.....	3.75	2.39
Operation of School Plant.....	9,159.65	22,814.36
Operation of School Plant per pupil.....	10.76	9.07
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds.....	2,742.70	8,763.92
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds per pupil	3.22	3.48

TABLE VIII

TABLE SHOWING ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE, ETC., FOR  
SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925

## 1. By Schools

Schools	Number of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollments	Number of boys	Number of girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
High School. . . . .	888	426	462	831.69	798.18	94.66
Franklin.....	267	141	126	276.10	263.22	95.44
Gooch.....	265	135	130	259.00	245.37	94.66
Lincoln.....	354	186	168	322.48	303.23	93.97
Livermore.....	190	106	84	192.27	174.71	95.10
New Ripley.....	111	44	67	110.80	103.23	93.02
Roosevelt.....	419	220	199	392.66	367.35	93.42
Sewall.....	141	71	70	136.97	127.28	94.00
Washington.....	538	299	239	533.58	510.88	95.56
Whittier.....	121	63	58	117.96	106.85	88.15
Winthrop.....	158	94	64	155.28	143.79	92.50
Totals.....	3,452	1,785	1,667	3,328.79	3,144.09	93.68

TABLE VIII—Continued

## 2. By Grades

Grades	Number of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollments	Number of boys	Number of girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Post Graduate..	10	5	5	7.15	6.37	89.10
Senior.....	169	80	89	155.52	150.00	94.40
Junior.....	227	109	118	220.05	211.35	95.05
Sophomore.....	210	90	120	197.88	189.18	94.60
Freshman.....	272	142	130	251.09	241.28	95.09
Eighth.....	289	146	143	321.02	290.14	95.00
Seventh.....	314	156	158	322.93	297.38	94.56
Sixth.....	328	185	143	281.72	263.77	94.60
Fifth.....	316	159	157	319.83	300.69	94.41
Fourth.....	347	188	159	332.58	317.62	94.22
Third.....	296	151	145	309.54	294.04	92.94
Second.....	328	175	153	294.19	281.54	92.58
First.....	315	174	141	285.35	272.55	90.62
Special.....	31	25	6	29.94	28.18	94.35
Totals.....	3,452	1,785	1,667	3,328.79	3,144.09	93.68

TABLE IX

## AVERAGE AGE OF PUPILS IN THE DIFFERENT GRADES

April 1, 1925

Primary,	Grade 1.....	6 years	8 months
	Grade 2.....	7 years	1 month
	Grade 3.....	8 years	7 months
	Grade 4.....	9 years	8 months
Grammar,	Grade 5.....	10 years	8 months
	Grade 6.....	12 years	0 months
	Grade 7.....	12 years	10 months
	Grade 8.....	13 years	8 months
High,	Freshman Class.....	14 years	8 months
	Sophomore Class.....	15 years	8 months
	Junior Class.....	16 years	8 months
	Senior Class.....	17 years	6 months
	Post Graduates.....	18 years	3 months

TABLE X  
NUMBER OF TEACHERS, INCLUDING PRINCIPALS, IN THE  
DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS

June 30, 1925

	Male	Female	Total
High (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12).....	9	23	32
Grammar (Grades 5, 6, 7, 8).....	0	41	41
Primary (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4).....	0	37	37
Supervisors, Music.....	1	1	2
Drawing.....	0	1	1
Manual Training.....	2	0	2
Household Arts.....	0	2	2
Primary.....	0	1	1
Physical Education.....	1	1	2
Americanization.....	0	1	1
Nurse.....	0	1	1
Total.....	13	109	122



TABLE XI  
REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE  
From Jan. 1, 1925 to Jan. 1, 1926

	Roosevelt	Franklin	Whittier	Washington	Lincoln	Gooch	Livermore	Sewall	*Warren	Winthrop	Ripley	Total
Number of visits.....	53	50	41	80	73	70	82	79	17	45	37	627
Number of children examined....	1095	937	921	2026	1399	1196	540	1140	247	795	369	10,665
Number of visits to homes.....	20	29	19	64	41	43	28	79	0	9	13	345
Total.....	1168	1016	981	2170	1513	1309	650	1298	264	849	419	11,637

\*4 months only.

TABLE XII  
SHOWING SCHOOL ROOMS, SITTINGS AND NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN EACH SCHOOL BUILDING IN THE CITY  
October 1, 1925

	High	Franklin	Whittier	Washington	Lincoln	Gooch	Livermore	Sewall	Roosevelt	Winthrop	Ripley	Total
Number of regular classrooms.....	*30	9	4	***14	8	8	4	4	10	4	3	98
Number of sittings in regular classrooms...	**1001	393	156	530	340	340	187	162	400	167	120	3796
Number of teachers excluding principals...	35	9	4	16	10	8	5	4	11	5	3	110

\*Includes 6 lecture and laboratory rooms.

\*\*Includes 73 lecture room seats.

\*\*\*Includes 2 in portable.

## ESTIMATED VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Dec. 31, 1925

School	Buildings	Land	Furnishings
High.....	\$300,000	\$58,200	\$20,000
Washington.....	100,000	5,000	10,000
Franklin.....	60,000	10,000	5,000
Gooch.....	50,000	4,500	5,000
Livermore.....	35,000	6,600	2,500
Warren.....	14,000	3,000	2,500
Lincoln.....	60,000	9,000	5,000
Sewall.....	8,000	7,4 0	2,500
Winthrop.....	11,000	3,000	2,500
Whittier.....	7,500	3,000	2,500
Roosevelt.....	177,000	2,000	15,000
New Ripley.....	54,000	4,000	1,500
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	\$876,500	\$115,700	\$74,000
Washington Playground	\$2,500		
Lincoln	"	6,500	

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Population of Melrose, April 1, 1925.....	20,302
Number of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrolments school year 1924-25.....	3,452
Number in High School.....	888
Number in Elementary Schools.....	2,564
Total approved school bills fiscal year 1925.....	*\$290,696.48
Amount expended for High School (exclusive of General Control).....	89,371.21
Cost per pupil in the High School based upon average mem- bership Jan. 1, 1925 to Jan. 1, 1926 (851).....	105.28
Amount expended for elementary schools fiscal year 1925...	189,460.40
Cost per pupil in elementary schools based upon average membership Jan. 1, 1925 to Jan. 1, 1926 (2513).....	75.39
Amount expended for Americanization work.....	553.00
Amount expended for tuition (vocational schools).....	1,837.15
Amount expended for tuition (evening high).....	705.25
Number of Special Teachers and Supervisors Jan. 1, 1926..	9
Number of School Nurses Jan. 1, 1926 (half time).....	1
Number of High School Teachers including Principal, Jan. 1, 1926.....	36
Number of Elementary Teachers including Principals, Jan. 1, 1926.....	79
Number of pupils Jan. 1, 1926 enrolled per teacher in High School, excluding Principal.....	25.8
Number of pupils enrolled per teacher in elementary schools, excluding non-teaching Principals Jan. 1, 1926.....	32.6

\*Cr. by Fire Insurance \$1,469.65.

## MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL

## Graduation Exercises

Class of 1925

## PROGRAM

## INVOCATION

Rev. Walter E. Woodbury

OVERTURE—Die Schone Galathea . . . . . *Suppe*CHORUS—The Miller's Wooing . . . . . *Fanning*

SALUTATORY and ESSAY—A Look into the Future

May Elise Milliken

VALSE—Summer Evening . . . . . *Waldteufel* Opus 188

ESSAY—Pioneers

Carolyn Ruth Ehlert

SERENADE . . . . . *Zamecnik*

## AWARD OF FIDELITY PRIZES IN MATHEMATICS

George Erickson

President of Euclidean Society

CHORUS—Discovery of Land . . . . . *Grieg*

VALEDICTORY and ESSAY—America's Place in Art

Miriam Ethelyn Thompson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRINCIPAL

## PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Mr. Harry F. Sears

Chairman of the School Committee

MARCH—The Flying Ace . . . . . *Zamecnik*

## AMERICA

The Class—Audience—Orchestra

**HONORS**

Those who have averaged A's and B's for four years

Dorothy D. Ball  
Elinor E. Day  
Ruth Ehlert  
Richard Elms  
Robert Knapp

Grace Maxson  
May Milliken  
Carl Norris  
Elizabeth Storer  
Miriam Thompson

Prizes awarded June 1925

**LEVI GOULD MEDAL**

Miriam Thompson

**EUCLIDEAN PRIZE** . . . . . Henry Turner

**RUTH ANSELL MORRISON PRIZE** . . . . . May Milliken

**WASHINGTON and FRANKLIN MEDAL—MASSACHUSETTS S.A.R.**  
May Milliken

**MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA****Violins**

Clyde Borgal  
Vivian Borgal  
Virginia Brown  
Ruth Burwell  
Doris Chisholm  
Albert Clark  
Alvin Curtiss  
Alexander Dubrofsky  
Harry Dunlay  
Mildred Harris  
Dorothy Huse  
Helen Kennedy  
Warren Lockwood

Frederick Loffchee  
Dorothy Loring  
Joseph Maguire  
Elizabeth Moulton  
John McGlaughlin  
Warren Pike  
Margaret Quinn  
Irene Rendall  
Paul Sherman  
Muriel South  
Hazel Stevens  
Eleanor Van Buskirk  
Gladys Johnson

**Violoncellos**

Virginia Ball  
Anna Bayliss  
Margaret Davis  
Eleanor Day  
Elizabeth Storer  
Helen Kendrick

**Saxophones**

Alvird Kohl (C)  
Lawrence Tucker (E flat)

**Pianists**

Eileen McKenna  
Wilma Sampson  
Willis Gerry  
Robert Van Buskirk

**Flute**

Florence Macdonald

**Clarinets**

Alden Burnham  
Dorothy Pike  
Dora Smith  
Lawrence Stuart

**Trumpets**

Elwood Flint  
Wesley Huse  
Donald McKie  
Margaret Rourke

**Tympani**

Agnes Stevens

**Drums and Percussion**

Melville Prior

**Organ**

Willis Gerry

**Librarian**

Frederic Clark

**Assistant Librarian**

James Milano

**MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATION CLASS OF 1925**

Chester Boice Allen, Jr.  
William Henry Allmon, Jr.  
Alice V. Anderson  
Dorothy Decatur Ball  
Donald L. Barnes  
Helene Barnes  
George A. Barrett  
Karl Frederic Barrett  
Elizabeth Batchelder  
Robert Edson Bayley  
Norman Blanchard Bean  
Elinor G. Berry  
Charlotte Messer Bishop  
Hilda Blackmer  
Florence Agnes Bolster  
Harold G. Bolton  
Philip R. Bourne  
Alfred Lester Bowes  
Frances Wheeler Brigham  
Elizabeth I. Bucci  
Barbara H. Buck  
Emery Dwight Burgess  
Clarence Alden Burnham  
Ruth Evelyn Burwell  
G. Rutherford Byam  
Stanton Woodman Campbell  
George M. Carpenter  
Beatrice May Cheever

Winfield Eugene Drown  
Elizabeth Wren Dyer  
Carolyn Ruth Ehlert  
Earl Leroy Ehrenborg  
Richard Vaughan Elms  
George C. Erickson  
Geoffrey Green Felt  
Earl E. Ferguson  
George Elwood Flint, Jr.  
Mary Angela Foley  
Enid Louise Folger  
Ruth Geraldine Ford  
Willis Henry Gerry  
Robert Bradford Giles  
Pauline Copley Gray  
Eleanor Beatrice Greene  
Payson W. Greene  
Ruth Harcourt Gurnett  
Elsa Marie Hannegan  
Stanley Wheeler Harris  
Allison Connor Hayes  
Gladys V. Higgins  
Homer Sydney Hitchins  
Marion Rogers Hitchins  
Fred Raymond Hodgkins  
Florence Georgia Hook  
Miriam Houdlette  
Alice Frances Hunter



Doris Madeline Chisholm  
Frederic N. Clark  
Leon E. Clark, Jr.  
Charles R. C. Clements  
Blanche L. Clough  
Dorothy May Cole  
Esther Ruth Craig  
Madella R. Crockett  
Vincent J. Cronin  
Chester Mercier Cummings  
Pauline Whittier Curtis  
R. Lawrence Cutter  
Margaret Elisabeth Davis  
Richard W. Davis  
Elinor Elizabeth Day  
Malcolm Otis Delano  
Cornelius Dieter

Daniel V. Lucey  
Mary Josephine Maguire  
Dorothea I. Mahan  
Hilma May Mason  
Grace Pearl Maxson  
Edward Richard Maxwell, Jr.  
Mildred Louise McBeth  
Eleanor Louise McCoy  
Francis L. McFadden  
Edward L. McGinley  
James Allan McLean, Jr.  
May Elise Milliken  
Frances Winifred Morse  
Dorothy Louise Morton  
Joseph Thomas Murphy  
Florence G. Meary  
Hazel Newhall  
Carl Bulkeley Norris  
Helen J. Nutter  
Albert S. Oliver  
Helen Louise Paddock  
Violet Pentleton  
Emma Welden Phillips  
Joseph Posner  
Doris Proctor  
William Lynde Reidy  
Harold Wellington Richardson  
A. Georgiana Robbins  
Eileen F. Rockwood  
M. Wilma Sampson

Ruth Huntington  
Doris May Hutchinson  
Edith Clare Jenkins  
C. Williston Jepson, Jr.  
Frederick Lincoln Jones  
Elmer F. Kehoe  
Verna Louise Kehoe  
William Roy Kennedy  
Charles A. Kerins  
Elizabeth Kerr  
Robert Irving Knapp  
Alvird Louis Kohl  
Marjorie Sands Likins  
Phyllis Mae Locke  
Louise Lillian Loeffler  
Mary Etta Lohnes  
Doris E. Loud

Herbert Moulton Shorey, Jr.  
Ralph I. Simpson  
Roger Heywood Smith  
Dora Marie Smith  
Florence Eileen Smith  
Muriel South  
Charles Stephen  
Amy Louise Simpson  
William C. Sterling  
Sarah Marion Stetson  
Hazel Stevens  
Elizabeth Wood Storer  
Leota Straw  
Milton Francis Swain  
Gilbert Dean Swift  
Henry MacDonald Tanner  
Charles Howard Tarr  
Archie F. Thompson  
Miriam Ethelyn Thompson  
Robert Bernard Toomey  
Marion Arline Townsend  
Nathalie Frances Towle  
C. Verne Trafton  
Laurence W. Tucker  
Arletta Maudelle Turner  
Mildred Hooper Tuttle  
Eleanor Louise Van Buskirk  
Hazel Evelyn Westhaver  
Dorothy Harvey Whitaker  
Helen Kathleen White

Edith L. Scenna  
 Kendall C. Scofield  
 Arthur Kennerie Scott  
 Arthur Wilbert Shaw  
 Francis P. Shea  
 Joseph Shea  
 Paul Dwight Sherman

Allan Clarence Whitford  
 Russell Rutherford Whitten  
 Pauline Morrill Whittier  
 M. Dudley Williams, Jr.  
 Janette Shattuck Wood  
 Mildred Edith Wyman

#### D. W. Gooch School

William T. Barry, Jr.  
 Charlotte H. Collins  
 Harry F. Couss  
 Henry J. Curtis  
 P. Morton DeWolfe  
 S. Alice Dondero  
 Louise D. Dwyer  
 Barbara F. Griffin  
 John F. Hoffinan  
 Helen Hunt  
 Annie R. Kasprzak  
 Prucia M. Lanen

Mercedes E. Libby  
 J. Norman Marchant, 2nd  
 Edith B. Mathias  
 Gerald O'Connor  
 H. Elizabeth Pipe  
 Marie Roche  
 Mary R. Stetson  
 Dorothy Townsend  
 Muriel D. Waterman  
 Freda Woodland  
 Muriel Woodland

#### Lincoln School

Edith E. Bailey  
 William E. Bishop  
 Joseph W. Boyle  
 Marjorie L. Cameron  
 Irving K. Chamberlain  
 Harold L. Champion  
 Ada F. Cole  
 William J. Desmond  
 M. Louise Eaton  
 Irving E. Flanagan  
 Priscilla M. Goldsmith  
 Elisabeth Graves  
 J. Almon Heyliger  
 Lillian C. Hunter  
 M. Elizabeth Keen  
 George M. Lilly  
 Prentiss Lobdell  
 Dorothy W. Lynde

Harry McDowell  
 Bernard H. Moors  
 Ruth M. Noble  
 Frank E. Palmer  
 Irene B. Polansky  
 Sigmund J. Posner  
 M. Virginia Richards  
 Margaret C. Ruddock  
 L. Lynde Russell  
 Malcolm M. Sampson  
 Thelma P. Singer  
 Arthur E. Smith  
 Edith Spadafora  
 William Spadafora  
 Gladys E. Stevens  
 William O. Wallburg  
 Elinor H. Wood  
 Leighton H. York

#### Mary A. Livermore School

Beatrice D. Allen  
 H. Muriel Blodgett  
 Barbara Bullens  
 Earl N. Cary

Doris L. Johnson  
 Ruth Kimball  
 Janice Lovell  
 Virginia Moulton

Robert H. Cary  
 David A. Downing  
 John B. Harris  
 John H. Hearne  
 Marjorie L. Houser  
 Marjorie S. Howe  
 J. Wilbert Hutton  
 Kenneth N. Hynes  
 Anna C. Jackson  
 Janice M. Jeffers

Harold K. Rand  
 Lorrin A. Riggs  
 William A. Soley, Jr.  
 Raymond W. Simeone  
 Philip W. Souter  
 W. Prescott Stuart  
 Frances E. Swett  
 Priscilla M. Thomas  
 Constance Willey

#### Roosevelt School

Edna M. Allen  
 Dorothy M. Anderson  
 R. Dexter Auerbach  
 Ruth F. Bayliss  
 George Beal  
 Alberta A. Berninger  
 Ruth L. Bigglestone  
 H. Kingsley Brown  
 Donald E. Cameron  
 Beatrice F. Casano  
 Edward F. Cassell, Jr.  
 Evelyn G. Chetwynde  
 Gilmore M. Chisholm  
 George W. Clarke  
 Elizabeth E. Corriveau  
 Luella M. Cutts  
 Barbara C. Darling  
 Eleanor F. Dresser  
 Mary E. Edmonson  
 Paul G. Ehlert  
 Marion E. Elliott  
 Thelma M. Ells  
 Warren H. Ells  
 S. Elizabeth Emery  
 Thelma L. Fish  
 Douglas Furber  
 Mildred Furber  
 Ruth W. Gerry  
 Roland D. Glenn  
 Arthur E. Goodwin, Jr.  
 Charlotte Z. Gove  
 Jean L. Harlow  
 V. Elaine Harrington  
 Elizabeth Hicks  
 Gertrude L. Hixon  
 Alan B. Johnson

Ralph T. Keeney  
 Marjorie W. Keith  
 Russell S. Kidd  
 John S. Little  
 Helena C. Millane  
 Helen E. Monroe  
 Lawrence E. Moody  
 Louise Montgomery  
 William Morrill  
 Roger D. Myrick  
 Richard B. Nason  
 Audrey L. Nicoll  
 Louis H. Norris  
 Edith M. Parsons  
 Madelyn H. Patten  
 Eben F. Phillips, Jr.  
 Helen Phillips  
 Emma L. Pike  
 Pearl D. Powers  
 Florence M. Reardon  
 Elizabeth Rice  
 Doris L. Ripley  
 Paul L. Robbins  
 Verna L. Shaw  
 Eliot Smith  
 Ruth M. Snell  
 Robert Spurr  
 Victoria E. Stearns  
 Kenneth R. Stiles  
 Barbara L. Stuart  
 Katharine Swett  
 Robert C. Taylor  
 H. Leland Varley  
 Valerie W. Wilson  
 John D. Westhaver  
 William J. Wilson, Jr.

**Washington School**

Dorothy E. Allis	Douglas C. MacCormack
Daisy M. L. Anderson	Lawrence W. Mahan
Mildred G. Balcom	Elizabeth A. Malm
Gladys M. Bates	Louis E. Menadue
Charles F. Binda	Harold C. Merrifield
John W. Black	Evelyn G. Milano
Eleanor M. Bleyle	Kenneth S. Mills
Ruby E. Brettell	Evelyn A. Mooers
Norma E. Bruce	Mathilda Munsen
Irma E. Corbett	Carroll T. Newton
Arnold S. Creelman	Charlotte Nichols
Ralph N. Cummings	Richard W. Noyes
Marjorie E. Davis	Harold O'Rourke
Dorothy N. Davison	Hollis Peters
Anna P. Delaney	M. Shirley Proctor
Helen L. Desmond	Samuel L. Reed
Barbara T. Dix	Kenneth G. Roeder
Edna A. Etsell	Harold E. Roche
Edna M. Folck	Marjorie V. Ross
Phyllis Gibson	Richard L. Scannell
Robert H. Graham	Dominic Scenna
Constance Gustin	William Scenna
Ethel M. Higgins	Gilbert L. Small
Frances G. Higgins	Kenneth A. Smith
Ruth E. Hult	Milton T. Smith
Bettina S. Hunt	Peter W. Smith
Martha L. John	Florence E. Spraker
Elizabeth V. V. Kjell	Chester U. Stevens
Arthur W. Laskey	Lois E. Taber
Alfred A. Lawrence	Walter E. Trites
Ruth Layden	William C. Tulley
Milford H. T. Leavy	Ellen E. West
Vera E. E. Lindell	Edith M. West
F. Carroll Love	Gladys L. Wood
Freida I. L. Lowe	

**LEVI GOULD MEDAL**

M. Louise Eaton, Lincoln School

**EIGHTH GRADE PRIZE****W. C. T. U. Prize Compositions**

First Prize:

Thayer Barry—Gooch School

Honorable Mention:

Beatrice Allen—Livermore School

**EIGHTH GRADE PRIZE****Hesseltine Prize Composition****First Prize:**

Barbara Stuart—Roosevelt School

**Honorable Mention:**

Marjorie Hansen—Livermore School

**SEVENTH GRADE PRIZE****Humane Society Prize Composition****First Prize:**

Warren Clark—Roosevelt School

**Honorable Mention:**

Esther Mullock—Roosevelt School

Armand Benoit, Washington School

**D. A. R. PRIZE****Early Melrose History****First Prize:**

Gertrude Hixon—Roosevelt School

**Honorable Mention:**

Victoria Stearns—Roosevelt School

Louise Eaton—Lincoln School

Muriel Waterman—Gooch School

Beatrice Allen—Livermore School

Gladys Bates—Washington School

Evelyn Milano—Washington School

**LEGION CUP**

To the school having the greatest number of points in athletics for  
the year.

Washington School

**MELROSE WOMAN'S CLUB PRIZE****First Prize:**

Malcolm Sampson—Lincoln School

**Second Prize:**

Allen George—Washington School

**Honorable Mention:**

John Hearne—Livermore School

David Woodbury—Livermore School

# Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

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To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen.

*Gentlemen:*—I have the honor to submit to you the Annual Report for 1925 of the Weights and Measures Department ending Dec. 31, 1925.

## WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES

Adjusted . . . . .	53
Sealed . . . . .	1080
Condemned . . . . .	11

## GASOLINE PUMPS

Sealed . . . . .	63
Condemned . . . . .	4
Positive stops sealed . . . . .	350

## TRIAL WEIGHINGS

Number of tests correct, 150; under 15; over 8; total 173.

## APPROPRIATION

Salaries and Wages . . . . .	\$1,000.00
Other expenses . . . . .	251.88
Expended for salary equipment, etc. . . . .	\$1,249.00
Unexpended balance . . . . .	2.88
Payment to City Treasurer, Sealing and License Fees . . . . .	\$337.71

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP B. CARRUTHERS,  
*Sealer Weights and Measures*

# Report of Sinking Fund Commissioners

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—We submit herewith our report of the Sinking Fund Commission for the financial year ended December 31, 1925.

In the attached schedules we show the transactions in each Fund, together with the total available funds and their distribution.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD J. KITCHING

MAURICE G. COCHRANE

FRANKLIN P. SHUMWAY

*Sinking Fund Commissioners*

## SCHOOL FUND

Balance on Deposit Jan. 1, 1925. . . .	\$4,774.09
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### Receipts:

Bonds sold. . . . .	\$16,000.00	
Premiums on Bonds sold. . . . .	215.01	
Interest—Bond. . . . .	1,733.75	
“ Accrued on Bonds sold. . . . .	89.02	
Bank Balances. . . . .	35.31	
Budget Appropriation. . . . .	2,592.56	20,665.65
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		25,439.74

### Disbursements:

Bonds bought. . . . .	\$1,000.00	
Interest—Acc'd on Bonds bought. . . . .	2.44	
Expense—Audit—Asa E. Chandler. . . . .	26.00	
“ Fidelity Bond—J. T. King. . . . .	5.20	
“ Safe Deposit Box Rent. . . . .	1.30	
“ Account Books. . . . .	.41	
Transfer of Funds. . . . .	16,000.00	17,035.35
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Balance on Deposit Dec. 31, 1925. . .	\$8,404.39
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## SEWER FUND

Balance on Deposit Jan. 1, 1925....		\$999.92
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## Receipts:

Bonds sold.....	\$88,000.00	
Premium on Bonds sold.....	512.18	
Interest—Bond.....	9,136.25	
"    Acc'd on Bonds sold..	197.84	
"    Bank Balances.....	15.38	
Sewer Assessments.....	6,102.64	
Transfer of Funds.....	17,252.58	121,216.87

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\$122,216.79

## Disbursements:

City of Melrose.....	\$100,000.00	
Bonds bought.....	18,000.00	
Premium on Bonds bought.....	281.05	
Interest—Acc'd on Bonds bought	46.63	
Expense—Audit—Asa E. Chandler.....	120.00	
"    Fidelity Bond—J. T. King.....	24.00	
"    Safe Deposit Box Rent	6.00	
"    Account Books.....	1.92	118,479.60

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Balance on Deposit Dec. 31, 1925..		\$3,737.19
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## SURFACE DRAINAGE FUND

Balance on Deposit Jan. 1, 1925...		\$1,949.40
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## Receipts:

Bonds sold.....	\$2,000.00	
Premium on Bonds sold.....	36.25	
Interest—Bond.....	2,617.50	
"    Acc'd on Bonds sold...	17.47	
"    Bank Balances.....	19.03	
Budget Appropriation.....	1,674.84	6,365.09

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\$8,314.49

## Disbursements:

Expense—Audit—Asa E. Chandler.....	34.00	
"    Fidelity Bond—J. T. King.....	6.80	
"    Safe Deposit Box.....	1.70	
"    Account Books.....	.55	
Transfer of Funds.....	2,000.00	2,043.05

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Balance on Deposit Dec. 31, 1925..		\$6,271.44
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## WATER FUND

Balance on Deposit Jan. 1, 1925. . . .		\$988.84
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## Receipts:

Bonds sold. . . . .	\$34,000.00	
Interest—Bond. . . . .	2,277.50	
“ Bank Balances. . . . .	11.56	
Transfer of Funds. . . . .	4,000.00	40,289.06
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		\$41,277.90

## Disbursements:

City of Melrose. . . . .	38,000.00	
Expense—Audit—Asa E. Chan-		
dler. . . . .	20.00	
“ Safe Deposit Box. . . . .	1.00	
“ Fidelity Bond—J. T.		
King. . . . .	4.00	
“ Account Books. . . . .	.32	
Transfer of Funds. . . . .	3,252.58	41,277.90
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Balance on Deposit Dec. 31, 1925. .		0.00
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# DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Totals	Description	Rate	Due Date	School	Sewer	Surface Drainage
\$12,000	City of Melrose, Mass., Sewer	4%	July 1, 1926	\$2,000	\$10,000	
10,000	" " " "	4%	July 1, 1935		10,000	
10,000	" " " "	4%	June 1, 1937		10,000	
10,000	" " " "	4%	July 1, 1937		10,000	
100,000	" " " " Surface Drainage	4%	July 15, 1932		44,000	\$56,000
3,000	City of Akron, Ohio	5 1/2%	Jan. 1, 1926	1,000	2,000	
500	City of Bath, Maine	4%	Jan. 1, 1927		500	
10,000	City of Clinton, Mass.	3 1/2%	July 1, 1930		10,000	
1,000	City of Los Angeles, Calif.	4 1/2%	June 1, 1932		1,000	
2,000	Town of Wakefield, Mass.	4 1/2%	June 1, 1942		1,000	2,000
8,000	Boston & Albany R. R. Co.	3 1/2%	Nov. 1, 1926		3,000	1,000
10,000	Boston & Maine R. R. Co.	4%	May 1, 1933	4,000	3,000	
500	Boston Elevated Rwy. Co.	4 1/2%	April 1, 1929		10,000	
2,000	" " " "	4%	May 1, 1935		500	
15,000	" " " "	4 1/2%	May 1, 1937		2,000	3,000
3,000	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co.	4 1/2%	Nov. 1, 1941	6,000	6,000	
17,000	Pitchburg R. R. Co.	3 1/2%	July 1, 1919		3,000	
5,000	Portland Terminal Co.	4 1/2%	May 1, 1928		15,000	2,000
15,000	U. S. Liberty Loan, 2nd	4%	July 1, 1961	5,000	5,000	
22,000	" " " " 3rd	4 1/2%	Nov. 15, 1942	10,000	22,000	
2,000	" " " " 4th	4 1/2%	Sept. 15, 1928	2,000		
			Oct. 15, 1938			
\$259,000				\$30,000	\$165,000	\$64,000
\$380,000	Bonds on hand January 1, 1925					
19,000	Purchased during the year					
\$399,000						
140,000	Sold and Matured during the year					
\$259,000	Bonds on hand December 31, 1925					
\$1,282.65	Cash on Deposit:					
8,130.37	Metrose Trust Co.					
3,000.00	Metrose Savings Bank					
6,000.00	Malden Savings Bank					
	Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank					
\$18,413.02	Applied as follows:			\$8,404.39	\$3,737.19	\$6,271.44
\$277,413.02	Total Available Fund			\$38,404.39	\$168,737.19	\$70,271.44
				\$38,44.39	\$168,737.190	\$70,271.44

## Soldiers' Relief Department

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To His Honor the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen.

*Gentlemen:*—I most respectfully present the following report for State Aid, Military Aid, Soldiers' Burial and Soldiers' Relief for the year 1925.

State Aid—refunded by the State.....	\$1,488.00
Military Aid—one half refunded by the State.....	30.00
Soldiers' Burial—refunded by the State.....	120.00

Soldiers' Relief Expenditures:—

Cash payments.....	\$5,113.00
Fuel.....	688.20
Medicine.....	24.85
Groceries.....	106.72
Shoes.....	5.50
Doctor.....	36.00
Grave.....	25.00
Hospital.....	58.82
Rent.....	36.00
Dry Goods.....	2.00

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\$6,096.09

Other Expense.....	\$96.14
General administration.....	500.00

Respectfully submitted,

MARY A. KENAH, *Agent*

## Report of Board of Fence Viewers

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To His Honor, Mayor Albert M. Tibbetts.

*Dear Sir:*—I most respectfully present the following report of the Board of Fence Viewers for the year 1925:

Petition of Edson P. Putney, 7 Eleventh St., for a division line fence.

Respondent, Fred G. Cutting. Hearing—petition granted.

Petition of E. B. Taylor for retaining wall. Mr. Rockwood, respondent.

Matter adjusted by parties.

Respectfully yours,

DANIEL J. LUCEY,

*Chairman of Board of Fence Viewers*

# Report of Wire Department

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To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

*Gentlemen:*—I respectfully submit the following report of the Wire Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1925:

## FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Nine hundred and three inspections of box movements was made, making the necessary repairs and adjustments. All boxes were painted two coats of Fire Alarm red paint. One hundred and one two pin and forty-five four pin arms were replaced with new. Four and one-half miles of old wire were replaced with new. One new box was installed at the corner of Beech and Whitman avenues.

## POLICE SIGNAL SYSTEM

Seven hundred and ten inspections of movements were made, installing new finger springs and forty-six new phone batteries. Two and one-half miles of weather-proof wire were pulled in place of old iron wire. Ninety-one two pin and twenty-seven four pin arms were replaced with new.

## INSPECTION OF WIRES

Seventeen hundred and twenty-four requests for inspections were received, making a total of three thousand and five inspections, and issuing to the Malden Electric Co. fourteen hundred permits allowing current to be turned on.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the city wires on Main St. from Franklin Sq. to the Wakefield line be pulled in underground. That five Fire Alarm and four Police Boxes be added to their respective systems. That inside fire alarm systems be installed in all schools and connect them to the Master Boxes that are being installed on the outside of the schools at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. EDWARDS, *Inspector of Wires*

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